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IN THE MATTER OF:

THE APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Case No. 2007-00155

# APPLICATION

Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power) moves the Commission pursuant to KRS 278.020(2), 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9 and 807 KAR 5:120 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct: (1) a 8.3 mile 138 kV transmission line; and, to the extent approval is required, (2) the proposed Morgan Fork and Hays Branch Stations in Floyd County, Kentucky. In support thereof Kentucky Power states:

# **Applicant**

 Kentucky Power is an electric utility organized as a corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1919. A certified copy of Kentucky Power's Articles of Incorporation and all amendments thereto was attached to the Joint Application in Case No. 99-149<sup>1</sup> as Exhibit 1. The post office address of Kentucky Power is 101A Enterprise Drive, P.O. 5190, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-5190. Kentucky Power is engaged in the generation, purchase, transmission, distribution and sale of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the Matter of: The Joint Application Of Kentucky Power Company, American Electric Power Company, Inc. And Central And South West Corporation Regarding A Proposed Merger, P.S.C. Case No. 99-149.

electric power. Kentucky Power serves approximately 175,000 customers in the following 20 counties of eastern Kentucky: Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Rowan. Kentucky Power also supplies electric power at wholesale to other utilities and municipalities in Kentucky for resale. Kentucky Power is a utility as that term is defined at KRS 278.010.

2. Kentucky Power is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. ("AEP.") The AEP System is a multi-state public utility holding company system that provides electric service to customers in parts of eleven states – Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

#### The Proposed Project

3. Kentucky Power seeks authority to construct approximately 8.3 miles of 138 kV transmission line tapping Kentucky Power's existing Beaver Creek-Betsy Layne 138 kV Line in Floyd, County, Kentucky and terminating at Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company LLC's ("Kentucky-West Virginia Gas") Maytown gas compressor station near Langley in Floyd County, Kentucky. A map detailing the route of the proposed line is attached hereto as <u>EXHIBIT 1</u>.

4. A 100-foot right-of-way will be required for the transmission line with 50 feet on each side of the line.

5. The proposed line will utilize steel H-Frame structures, using 795 KCM 26/7 ACSR phase conductors and 2- 7# 8 aluminum-clad steel static wires for protection, in a single circuit configuration.

6. As part of the project a new switching station and a new metering station will be constructed. Their location is illustrated on **EXHIBIT 1.** Collectively, the line and stations are referred to as the "Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Project."

(a) A new switching station to be called Morgan Fork Station will be constructed at the tap point on the existing Beaver Creek-Betsy Layne 138 kV Line. The Morgan Fork Station will include two 138 kV circuit breakers, one Motor Operated Air Brake switch, a control house and associated facilities. System protection upgrades also will be constructed at remote stations. The Morgan Fork Station will be constructed on an approximately 4.5 acre tract to be acquired from Elkhorn Coal Company. The station will be located approximately one mile south of Rt. 2030 on Little Mud Creek Road in Floyd County, Kentucky.

(b) A new metering station, to be called Hays Branch Station, will be installed at the customer's Maytown gas compressor plant station near Langley in Floyd County, Kentucky.

7. The projected cost of the project is approximately \$15,400,000. The proposed construction does not involve sufficient capital outlay to affect materially the financial condition of Kentucky Power. Construction will be financed through Kentucky Power's internally generated funds. After the proposed facilities are completed their estimated annual cost of operation will be \$10,000.

# **Property Acquisition**

8. The proposed transmission line will cross 27 parcels of property. In addition, Kentucky Power will acquire an easement for the siting and operation of the proposed Hays Branch Station.

9. Kentucky Power is negotiating with the affected property owners for acquisition of the necessary rights-of-ways. Kentucky Power has obtained options to acquire 15 of 27 tracts and rights-of-way required to construct the line. The status of negotiations for acquisition of the necessary rights-of-way is set forth in more detail on **EXHIBIT 2** to this application.

10. The Morgan Fork Station site will be acquired by a long-term lease with an option to buy.

# The Proposed Construction Is Required By The Public Convenience And Necessity

11. Kentucky Power is obligated by KRS 278.030(2) to provide "adequate, efficient and reasonable service" to customers within its service territory. The Kentucky-West Virginia Gas' Maytown compressor station near Langley, Kentucky lies within Kentucky Power's service territory and the proposed Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Project is required to provide such service.

12. The line will be used to serve Kentucky-West Virginia Gas' Maytown gas compressor station located near Langley, Kentucky, south of Allen in Floyd County, Kentucky following modification of the facility. The ongoing modifications are expected to be completed by March 1, 2008 and include the substitution of two 11,000 horsepower synchronous motors and three 3,000 horsepower induction electric motors for the existing gas powered motors at Kentucky-West Virginia Gas' Maytown gas compressor station located near Langley, Kentucky. It is expected the new motors will result in an additional load of approximately 24 MW.

13. The upgrading of the gas compressor station is part of Kentucky-West Virginia Gas' proposal to construct the twenty-inch diameter Big Sandy gas pipeline to connect with Tennessee Gas Pipeline's Broad Run Lateral in Carter County, Kentucky.

14. The proposed compressor station upgrade and Big Sandy pipeline project will result in the addition of more than 400 jobs during construction.

15. The pipeline and compressor station project will provide Kentucky producers with an outlet for their production. That production currently is shut in for seven months a year because of the lack of pipeline and processing capacity. The Kentucky-West Virginia Gas project also will be available to provide "take-away" capacity for growth in gas production in the area.

16. The proposed Kentucky-West Virginia Gas pipeline will be available to local distribution companies that serve Kentucky residential and industrial customers, including several located on or near the Big Sandy pipeline.

17. Kentucky-West Viriginia Gas estimates the Project may result in up to an additional \$5 million per year in severance and property tax revenues to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and local taxing districts in Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence and Carter Counties in Kentucky.

18. This project also will provide a platform to enable Kentucky Power to provide improved reliability for the eastern Kentucky area transmission and distribution systems. In particular, it is anticipated that:

(a) Reliability on Kentucky Power's 138 kV network will be improved with the installation of two 138 kV circuit breakers as part of the Morgan Fork Station;

(b) The proposed line will provide additional capacity to serve additional load from the Morgan Fork Station;

(c) The proposed line provides a potential 69 kV source that could be used in any conversion of the existing 46 kV sub-transmission system to a 69 kV system;

(d) The proposed line will provide the opportunity to locate a future station at the intersection of the proposed Morgan Fork-Hays Branch line and the Martin-Salisbury-McKinney 46 kV line; and

(e) The proposed line provides the opportunity for a future 138 kV transmission loop from Thelma Station to the Beaver Creek Station, thereby increasing electric reliability in the area.

19. The proposed new construction will not compete with any public utilities, corporations or persons and will not result in duplication of facilities. The proposed new construction is required by the public convenience and necessity.

#### Alternate Routes and Sites Considered.

20. Kentucky Power determined that the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Project could not be served by the existing 46 kV sub-transmission network because the resulting low voltage and diminished reliability would adversely affect service in the area.

21 Kentucky Power also considered providing service to Kentucky-West Virginia Gas' Maytown compressor station by tapping the Big Sandy-Broadford 765 kV line that runs northwest to southeast of the compressor station. Studies indicated that

such an alternate would cost approximately \$50 million, exclusive of land acquisition costs, making it cost prohibitive.

22. Kentucky Power retained the services of GAI Consultants, Inc. (GAI), Homestead, Pennsylvania, to develop and evaluate alternative line route locations for overall environmental suitability and feasibility. The study area consisted of an approximately 49.1 square mile area located in central Floyd County. A copy of the report prepared by GAI is attached to this Application as **EXHIBIT 3**.

23. Much of the study area is subject to past, present or future underground coal mining. Subsidence resulting from underground coal mining poses a hazard to transmission line operation. Specifically, mine subsidence under a transmission structure can result in damage to transmission line structures and attached conductors leading to service disruptions. Beginning in the summer of 2006 Kentucky Power met with representatives of the major coal mining companies operating or owning land or mineral rights in the study area, Elkhorn Coal, Black Diamond Mining, Genesis Coal and Acme Resources, to discuss existing or future mining activities in the area. The information obtained from these discussions, as well as both publicly available and privately generated information concerning coal, gas and oil production in the area was considered by GAI in developing and evaluating the alternate transmission line right-of-way paths.

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24. Ultimately, three transmission right-of-way line paths, labeled the North, Central and South Routes were developed and considered by GAI. Each route originated at the Morgan Fork Station and terminated at the Hays Branch Station. The route of the three alternates is illustrated on Figure 5 to the GAI Report.

25. Based upon the criteria discussed in more detail in the GAI Report, and for the reasons set out in the Report, GAI determined that the North Route will have the least impact of the three alternates. The North Route is adjacent to or parallels existing transmission line rights-of-way for 4.4 miles of its 8.3 mile length. Leaving the Morgan Fork Station, the North Route runs adjacent to the Beaver Creek-Betsy Layne 138 kV transmission line for 0.3 miles. It then proceeds 0.3 miles northward before turning west and parallel to the south side of the Kentucky Power Big Sandy-Broadford 765 kV line right-of-way for a distance of approximately 4.1 miles. The North Route then turns in a southwesterly direction generally parallel to and east of the State Route 80 corridor for a distance of approximately 3.6 miles to the Hays Branch Station.

26. In its preliminary siting work, Kentucky Power identified a potential site for the Morgan Fork station and contacted the landowner, Elkhorn Coal Company. Elkhorn Coal indicated that future mining plans would interfere with Kentucky Power's facilities at this location. Elkhorn offered alternative sites to consider for the Morgan Fork Station. An alternative site on property owned by Elkhorn Coal near the mouth of Morgan Fork was determined to be acceptable to both parties.

# NOTICES AND APPROVALS

27. By letters dated and mailed first class mail, postage prepaid, on May 14, 2007 Kentucky Power notified all property owners, as indicated by the records of the Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator, over whose land the transmission rightof-way is proposed to cross. The notification was by letter, sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the property owner as indicated on the county Property Valuation Administrator records. Included within the letters were:

(a) notice of the proposed construction;

(b) the docket number (P.S.C. Case No. 2007-00155) under which the application will be processed;

(c) the address and telephone number of the Commission's Executive Director;

(d) a description of the property owners' rights to request a public hearing and to right to request intervention;

(e) a description of the project and a map of the proposed route of the line.

Copies of the letters, including all enclosures, the list of the persons to whom they were mailed, their addresses as indicated by the records of the Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator and the verification by Errol K. Wagner of the mailing of the letters are attached as <u>EXHIBIT 4</u>.

28. A notice of Kentucky Power's intent to construct the line, along with the information required by 807 KAR 5:120, Section 2(5), was published in *The Prestonsburg Floyd County Times*, a paper of legal record and general circulation for Floyd County, on May 13, 2007. The text of the notice and map are filed herewith as **EXHIBIT 5**. This Application will be supplemented with the Affidavit of Publication when received.

29. Prior to beginning construction, Kentucky Power will prepare a storm water pollution prevention plan and make application to the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection for a KPDES (Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) general permit for storm water point source discharges

associated with construction activities exceeding one acre of disturbed soils. Copies of the KPDES permit and any other applicable permits will be filed with the "as-built" drawing of the line and structures.

#### **Exhibits**

30. The following exhibits are attached to and made a part of this Application:

(a) Three maps of no less than one inch equals 1,000 feet of the proposed project showing the location of the proposed transmission center line, the right of way and the boundaries of each property to be crossed by the line as indicated by the records of the Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator. [EXHIBIT 6];

(b) Sketches of the typical transmission line support structures.

# [EXHIBIT 7];

(c) Copies of the notices to property owners, the list of the persons to whom they were mailed, and the verification by Errol K. Wagner, Director of Regulatory Services, of their mailing. [EXHIBIT 4];

(d) The text of the newspaper notice and map as published and affidavit of publication. [Ехнівіт 5];

(e) Three maps of no less than one inch equals 1,000 feet of the proposed project showing the location of alternate routes considered for the proposed transmission center line. [EXHIBIT 8.]

# **Communications**

31. The Applicant respectfully requests that communications in this matter be

addressed to:

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Errol K. Wagner Kentucky Power Company P.O. Box 5190 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-5190

ON BEHALF OF KENTUCKY POWER

WHEREFORE, Kentucky Power Company requests that the Commission issue an Order:

(a) Approving pursuant to KRS 278.020(2), 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, 807 KAR

5:001, Section 9 and 807 KAR 5:120, the construction by Kentucky Power of the

proposed Morgan Fork to Hays Branch 138 kV line and, to the extent required, the

Morgan Fork Hays Branch Stations;

(b) Granting Kentucky Power a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

for such construction as is necessary to complete the project; and

(c) Granting Kentucky Power such other relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was served by United States Mail, Postage Pre-paid, upon:

Michael L. Kurtz Boehm, Kurtz & Lowry 36 East Seventh Street, Suite 1510 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

Dennis G. Howard II Kentucky Attorney General's Office 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-8204

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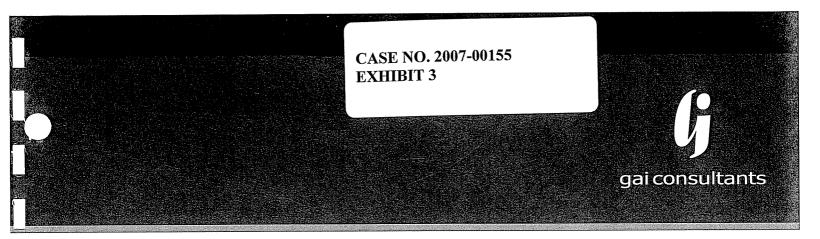
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		М	Equitable Gathering Projec organ Fork-Hays Branch 138 k Floyd County, KY		
Tract #	Map #	Parcel #	Name Address Phone	First Contact & Survey Permission Date	Easement Date
1	81	1	Elkhorn Coal 544 So. Lake Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	9/8/2006	
	80	69	Winsell Spurlock, Tenant 28 Morgan Fork Printer, KY 41655		
2	80	55	Earl Watson HC 84 Box 79 Printer, KY 41655	2/20/2007	2/20/2007
3	80	57	Scott & Michelle Sode P. O. Box 654 Harold, KY 41635 434-955-1699 (cell)	2/19/2007	
possible overhand	65	17.04	Janice Mullins 62 Sunset Drive Blue River, KY 41607 606-889-0946	5/11/2007	
4	80	59.02	Donald & Lois Adkins 1693 Ky Rt. 2030 Honaker, KY 41639 606-478-4281	2/3/2007	2/21/2007
5	65	24.01	Locust Grove Inc. P. O. Box 958 Hazard, KY 41702 606-439-5151	2/15/2007	2/15/2007
6	65	24	John H. Kidd Bucks Hollow Rd. Ashland City, TN 615-746-8148	4/30/2007	5/10/2007
Possible overhang	65	27	Johnny Akers 1269 Spurlock Fork Dana, KY 41615 606-478-4748	5/14/2007	
7	65	23	Appalachian Land Co. 750 Town Mountain Rd. Pikeville, KY 41501 Charles & Dorothy Meade Heirs HC 84 Box 3 Printer, KY 41655	2/16/2007	

Tract #	Map #	Parcel #	Name Address Phone	First Contact & Survey Permission Date	Easement Date
8	65	16	Black Diamond Coal Co. See below for info	2/15/2007	
	65	16.06	Black Diamond Coal Co. 587 North Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41635	2/15/2007	
9	65	32	Marion & Patty Taylor P. O. Box 427 Martin, KY 41649 606-285-9337	2/3/2007	2/25/2007
10	49	115	Terri Stacy P.O. Box 902 West Van Lear, KY 41268 Tamara Maynard P.O. Box 232 Hager Hill, KY 41222	3/7/2007	5/9/2007
11	49	113	Myrtle Hall 235 Stumbo Branch Printer, KY 41655	2/27/2007	2/27/2007
12	49	126	Jonathan Moore P. O. Box 1009 Martin, KY 606-285-0911	2/20/2007	
13	49	74	Robert K. Scott c/o Levi & Bill Hall 1599 Rt. 122 Printer, KY 41655	2/27/2007	3/13/2007
14	49	71	Floyd County Fiscal Court Mike Jarrell 149 South Central Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	2/19/2007	
15	39	20.08	David Carl Webb 535 Henrys Branch Langley, KY 41645 606-285-5050	4/25/2007	4/30/2007
16	39	22	Kevin Brown 594 Henrys Branch Langley, KY 41645 606-285-0382	4/30/2007	4/30/2007
possible overhand	39	28	Patsy Willis 662 Henrys Branch Langley, KY 41645 606-285-9958		

Tract #	Map #	Parcel #	Name Address Phone	First Contact & Survey Permission Date	Easement Date
17	39	23	Patsy Willis 662 Henrys Branch Langley, KY 41645 606-285-9958	First Contact May 2, 2007	
18	39	49	James Stumbo 34 Eria Drive Langley, KY 41645	2/3/2007	
19	39	50	Michael Dwayne Gibson P. O. Box 594 Betsy Layne, KY 606-285-1249	4/17/2007	4/17/2007
20	39	59	Oakie Shepherd 409 Turkey Creek Rd. Langley, KY 421645 606-285-3970	2/3/2007	3/20/2007
21	39	62.01	Ralph Hagans 571 Turkey Creek Langley, KY 41645	2/07	3/14/07
22	39	62.02	Jerry Donald Hagans 1599 Wilson Creek Langley, KY 41652 606-285-9884	2/07	3/14/07
23	39	64	Arnold Turner, Jr. P.O. Box 527 Allen, KY 41601 606-886-0415 Anita Gibson 1049 High Point Dr. Nicholasville KY 40356 Joseph R. Turner 239 Preston Ave. Lexington, KY Joan Chaffins P.O. Box 289 McDowell, KY 41647	2/7/2007	5/11/2007
24	39	97	Thruman Barker P. O. Box 2765 Pikeville, KY 41502 Lynn M. Parrish P.O. Box 2096 Pikeville, KY 41501	2/7/2007	

Tract #	Map #	Parcel #	Name Address Phone	First Contact & Survey Permission Date	Easement Date
25	39	92	Kentucky Hydro Carbon Co. Mr. Jeffrey C. Burke c/o Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co. LLC P.O. Box 1367 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Attn: Jerome Fouch, Land Agent	2/7/2007	



# Report

# Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company LLC 138 kV Transmission Lines Siting Study

# GAI Project Number: C050154.57

# May 7, 2007

Prepared for: American Electric Power P.O. Box 2021 Roanoke, Virginia 24022-2121

Prepared by: GAI Consultants, Inc. Pittsburgh Office 385 East Waterfront Drive Homestead, Pennsylvania 15120-5005

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# 1.0 Introduction

American Electric Power (AEP) proposes to construct a 138-kV transmission line in Floyd County, Kentucky. The new transmission line will be a dedicated line to provide electric power for the operation of a new natural gas transmission pipeline compressor station near Langley, Kentucky. This compressor station will be operated by the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company LLC and is referred to as the Maytown Compressor Station (Maytown Station).

The proposed 138kV line will extend from AEP's Beaver Creek – Betsy Layne 138kV line to the Maytown Station. Two new substations will be constructed: the Morgan Fork Station at the interconnection with the BC-BL line, and the Hays Branch Station at the Maytown Station terminus. The proposed transmission line will be constructed on steel H-frame structures in single circuit configuration. A 100-foot wide right-of-way (ROW) will be required throughout.

The proposed Morgan Fork Substation will be located on land owned by the Elkhorn Coal Company that is presently leased for agricultural purposes. A tenant residence on this property will be removed for the substation. The proposed Hays Branch Substation will be located on Equitable Gathering, LLC property immediately adjacent to the new compressor station.

As an initial step in the development of this project, AEP retained GAI Consultants, Inc. (GAI) to develop and evaluate alternative line route locations between the proposed substations for overall environmental suitability and feasibility.

This report presents the results of an overall feasibility evaluation conducted by GAI between October 2006 and January 2007. Section 2 describes the methodology utilized in this investigation; Section 3 describes the proposed alternatives; Section 4 provides a discussion of the project area features and environmental constraints in the study area; and Section 5 provides a comparative analysis of the alternatives.

# 2.0 Methodology

The overall methodology followed for this siting study is described below.

The initial step in the siting process involved the identification by AEP of the two proposed substation locations. A study area encompassing the proposed substations and the intervening areas was then developed. This study area, as shown on Figure 1, incorporates an approximately 49-square mile area in Floyd County.

Corridor siting criteria were developed to form the basis of the approach to site alternative corridors through the study area. These siting criteria were employed to avoid or minimize land use conflicts and impacts upon human, natural, visual, and cultural resources; regulatory conflicts; construction, operation and maintenance problems; and project schedule delays.

Among the siting criteria employed were:

- avoid or minimize conflicts with existing land use, including the paralleling of existing utility transmission line corridors where possible;
- avoid or minimize impacts upon human, natural, visual, and cultural resources;
- avoid or minimize visibility from populated areas or heavily traveled roads;
- minimize impacts and construction costs by selecting shorter, more direct corridor routes;

- route corridors through terrain where economical construction and mitigation techniques can be employed, and where line operation and maintenance is feasible;
- consistency with AEP transmission needs, project schedules, regulatory agency oversight requirements, and environmental regulations; and
- landowner support.

These siting criteria formed the basis of the impact/resource conflict avoidance methodology utilized to route the alternative corridors. Based upon review of recent aerial photography (2004) and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic mapping, AEP and GAI initially identified three alternative transmission corridor routes between the proposed substations. These are referred to as the North, Central, and South Routes.

These routes were then evaluated through data collected from:

• <u>Literature Review and Data Collection</u>. GAI collected published data and mapping of environmental resources within the project area to identify significant environmental resources that could pose constraints for transmission line siting. These included wetlands, soils, geology, public lands, designated natural areas or preserves, and game lands or recreation areas. GAI also reviewed information concerning the location of mines openings and natural gas wells. These data were used to create a geographic information system (GIS) database to assist in the data analysis. The sources used to obtain these data are discussed in detail in the following sections.

As a part of this effort, GAI reviewed recent aerial photography (2004) obtained from the USGS to update and refine feature locations identified by the literature review. These data were also incorporated into the GIS database.

- <u>Ground Reconnaissance</u>. Field views were conducted on November 29 and 30, 2006, to confirm locations of selected resources, verify identification of features on the aerial photographs, and provide a current update on recent building construction. These efforts were limited to views from road crossings and other publicly-accessible sites. Data revisions and new information resulting from the ground reconnaissance were incorporated into the GIS database.
- <u>Agency Coordination</u>. Coordination was conducted with federal and state agencies pertaining to potential occurrence and distributions of endangered and threatened species and cultural resources of concern.
- <u>Mining Company Coordination</u>. Extensive coal mining activities are conducted within the study area, and several companies have extensive holdings of mineral rights in this area. In order to identify potential conflicts between current and future mining operations and operation of the transmission line, AEP and GAI met with coal company representatives on November 16, 2006. This included representatives of Black Diamond Mining Company and Elkhorn Coal. In addition, AEP had previously met with coal company representatives on August 10, 2006 (Elkhorn Coal); August 23, 2006 (Elkhorn Coal, Black Diamond Mining, Genesis Coal Company, and Acme Resources); and August 31, 2006 (Elkhorn Coal and Acme Resources) to discuss potential locations for the Morgan's Fork Station and transmission line.
- <u>Landowner Coordination</u>. AEP conducted coordination with property owners along the Big Sandy-Broadford 765 kV line/State Route 80 corridor to identify potential conflicts in the vicinity of these prominent linear features.

Section 3 discusses the environmental constraints identified within the study area as a result of these data collection efforts.

Following completion of data collection efforts and compilation of the GIS database, each alternative was evaluated based upon the data collected. Alternatives were examined for potential "fatal flaws", revisions to alignments were made if appropriate, and overall feasibility was assessed as discussed in Section 4.

Each Alternative Route was assessed for resources within the 100-foot wide ROW and/or within 500 feet of the centerline of the segment as identified in Table 1. In addition, the presence of airports (private landing strips) was examined for an area of one mile from the centerline. The routes were then comparatively examined in regard to resource impacts to identify the most feasible route with the least impacts to construct the proposed transmission line.

#### Table 1

a <sup>n -</sup>	Area of	Analysis
Resource	100-Foot Wide ROW	Approximately 500 Feet of Centerline
Urban Features		
Houses	X	X
Barns	X	X
Business/Commercial Structures	X	X
Schools	X	X
Churches	X	Х
Cemeteries	Х	X
Other Major Structure/Facility	X	Χ
Mine Openings	X	X
Natural Gas Wells	Х	X
Residential Yards Crossed	X	
Airports		Within 1 Mile
Natural and Cultural Resources		``````````````````````````````````````
Wetlands	Х	
Previously Documented Architectural Resources	X	X
Previously Documented Archaeological Resources	Х	X
Watersheds With Potential Rare Species Occurrence	Х	
Recreational and Aesthetic Resources		
Bikeways	X	
Scenic Byways	Х	
Trails	Х	

# **RESOURCE ANALYSIS PARAMETERS**

# 3.0 Environmental Constraints

# 3.1 Topography and Geology

The AEP transmission line study area lies entirely within the Cumberland Plateau which occupies the western part of the Appalachian Plateau Physiographic Province. In general, the Cumberland Plateau is dominated by a series of sloping, uplifted, dissected plateaus capped by resistant sandstone layers [Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS), 2005a]. The topography is characterized by deep, v-shaped valleys and elevations ranging from 500 feet to over 2,000 feet above sea level. The topography in the study area varies from approximately 650 to 1,650 feet in elevation. The only flat areas are along the valleys and major streams.

Major rock types of this region are conglomeritic sandstones, shales, and coal. The study area is in an area of shale and siltstone sequences, subgraywacke, and coal of the Lower and Middle Pennsylvanian Breathitt Formation, and Quaternary unconsolidated alluvium deposits. These formations do not generally present geologic hazards to the construction or operation of a transmission line. There are no potentially karstic units in the study area (KGS, 2006).

# 3.2 Hydrocarbon Resources

Oil and natural gas are common commercially extractable natural resources of the Cumberland Plateau Region (KGS, 2005b). The study area is within the eastern Kentucky Coal Field (KGS, 2005a). According to the Kentucky Coal Education Website, in 2002 there were 180 active surface mines and 219 active underground mines in eastern Kentucky. Coal resources in the study area were located using mine maps from the Kentucky Mine Mapping Information System administered by the Kentucky Mine Mapping Initiative (2007). Review of these maps indicates that much of the study area is or has been deep mined. Mine subsidence is an important hazard associated with underground mining. Areas of potential mine subsidence present a hazard for transmission line operation as mine subsidence under a structure location can damage or cause the failure of the structure and attached conductors, thereby causing service disruptions.

AEP met with representatives of the major mining companies operating in the study area on August 10, August 23, August 31, and November 16, 2006. These included representatives of Elkhorn Coal, Black Diamond Mining, Genesis Coal, and Acme Resources. The company representatives provided information on existing and future mining activities in the study area.

Mine openings were identified from the Kentucky Mine Mapping Information System and USGS topographic mapping. Mine openings represent potential siting conflicts as a result of interference with mining activities, potential subsidence issues, and potential ecological issues as discussed in following sections. Because the identification of openings conducted for this siting study was compiled from remote sensing sources, it is not comprehensive. Additional unmapped, abandoned openings may occur in the area: field surveys would be required to locate all openings.

The study area contains oil and gas wells and oil and gas fields (KGS, 2005c). Locations of wells were obtained from data prepared by the Kentucky Geological Survey from the Kentucky Oil and Gas Well Records Database.

Figure 2 shows the locations of mining features and oil and gas wells within the study area.

# 3.3 Land Use

Criteria in *A Land Use and Land Cover Classification System for Use with Remote Sensor Data* (Anderson et al., 1976) were used to define existing land use in the study area. For the purpose of this project, Level I land use studies were compiled. Land use patterns were evaluated by examining aerial photographs, USGS topographic mapping, and from field observations. During the data collection and ground reconnaissance activities cited above in Section 2.0, existing houses, schools, and churches that post-date the existing mapping were located and incorporated into the GIS data base.

The majority of the study area is covered in later-growth mixed hardwood forest. Farms and/or small agricultural holdings are restricted to the narrow valley bottoms. The primary agricultural use of the land is for livestock pasture, hay and corn. Residential development consists primarily of widely scattered single-family houses and clustered groups of houses and newer subdivisions close to existing roads. In the project area, there is very little commercial development, consisting exclusively of small businesses located along existing roads. Industrial development includes natural gas wells and mines. There is no urban land in the project area.

The former Floyd County landfill is located in the northeastern portion of the study area. This facility is now closed.

Figure 3 provides aerial photography illustrating land use patterns in the study area.

# 3.4 Cultural Resources

In order to assess archaeological site potential and architectural resources likely to be encountered in the project area, GAI collected cultural resource data from a review of files maintained by Kentucky Heritage Council in its capacity as the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). GAI identified and mapped previously surveyed archaeological sites, engineering structures, and architectural resources within the project area. The results of this background research effort are summarized below. It is important to note that, particularly for archaeological resources, site boundaries are often undefined, and therefore may be larger than the point data provided. Further investigation would be necessary to verify the extent and condition of resources or presence of previously unrecorded resources and may determine that some sites are substantially larger than currently mapped and thus could intrude into the area of potential effect.

# 3.4.1 Historic Resources

Examination of architectural resource survey files revealed the presence of approximately 41 previously surveyed resources in the overall project study area, including cemeteries, churches, residences, commercial properties, bridges, and schools. Three of these resources were previously determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), four are unevaluated, 33 have been previously determined to be not eligible for listing, and one has been demolished. The NRHP-eligible resources include the Bosco Bridge (FD-133) and two unnamed houses (FD-158 and FD-159)

# 3.4.2 Archaeological Resources

Examination of archaeological site data revealed the presence of 12 previously identified archaeological sites and eight areas previously surveyed for archaeological resources where no sites were found in the study area. One site was previously determined to be not eligible for listing in the NRHP; the remainder have not been evaluated for eligibility.

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# 3.5 Significant Natural Resources

# 3.5.1 Wetlands

Wetlands within the study area were identified based upon a review of the National Wetlands Inventory mapping [United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), 1990], supplemented by limited field views of the areas in the vicinity of alternative routes in December 2006. Natural wetlands in these landscapes tend to occur in valley bottoms in association with streams and rivers and with groundwater seeps and springs (Figure 4). Manmade wetlands in this area consist primarily of ponds on mine lands and farm ponds.

#### 3.5.2 Surface Waters

The study area is located within the Levisa Fork watershed. The major streams within the study area are the Left Fork Beaver Creek and Right Fork Beaver Creek.

#### 3.5.3 Threatened and Endangered Species and Unique Natural Communities

The USFWS, the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC), and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) were consulted for information on the potential for occurrence of rare, threatened, and endangered species and unique ecological communities in the project vicinity.

The USFWS reported that the both summer roosting and foraging habitat and winter hibernacula for the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) may exist within the proposed project area. The KSNPC reported that the Indiana bat is known to occur within 10 miles of the project area. The Indiana bat utilizes a wide array of forested habitats, including riparian forests, bottomlands, and uplands for summer foraging and roosting habitat. For hibernation, the Indiana bat prefers limestone caves, sandstone rockshelters, and abandoned underground mines that provide specific temperature and humidity requirements. The USFWS recommended that impacts to caves, rockshelters, and mines should be avoided. Seasonal restrictions on tree clearing are also recommended. The KSNPC recommended that bottomland forests and riparian corridors, particularly near caves, should not be disturbed in order to avoid impacts to the bat.

In addition to the Indiana bat, the KSNPC reported known occurrences of the state-threatened Ashcamp Cave Beetle (*Pseudanophthalmujs hypolithos*) and state special concern species Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) within the study area. The Ashcamp cave beetle is a cave-obligate species. The Sharp-shinned Hawk occurs in a variety of habitats from semiopen farmland to woodland openings and borders, and typically nest in areas of extensive forest.

Other species reported from the vicinity of the study area by KSNPC include the stateendangered Longhead Darter (*Percina macrocephala*) and Common Raven (*Corvus corax*), state-threatened Northern Brook Lamprey (*Ichthyomyzon fossor*), and state special concern Trout-perch (*Percopis omiscomaycus*), Scarlet Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis triangulum*), Longsolid (*Fusconaia subrotunda*), and Little Spectaclecase (*Villosa lienosa*). The darter, lamprey, Trout-perch, Longsolid, and spectaclecase are aquatic species. The kingsnake and raven generally occur in forested areas.

These agencies have recommended that further inventory and surveys may be required to determine presence or absence of these species.

The KSNPC reported the existence of several large forest blocks in the project area. The KSNPC monitors large forest blocks because forest fragmentation is one of the primary

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impacts to plants and animals that require large tracts of forest for all parts of their life cycles. Large forest blocks are defined as areas of 4,500 or more contiguous acres. Several large forest blocks occur in the study area as shown on Figure 4. These areas are generally latergrowth hardwood stands.

The KDFWR reported no known occurrences of federally threatened or endangered species in the areas covered by the David, Handshoe, Harold, Martin, McDowell, and Wayland 7.5-minute USGS quadrangle maps. The apparent discrepancy between the KDFWR and KSNPC reports is due to the fact that the KDFWR considered only areas encompassed by the specific quadrangles, whereas the KNSPC considered the area within ten miles of the project area.

The USFWS, KDFWR, and KSNPC did not report any rare or unique natural communities or designated natural areas in the study area.

#### 3.6 Parks, Preserves, and Recreational Facilities

The study area does not contain any federal, state, or local parks, state or federal forest lands, designated natural areas, preserves, wildlife refuges, national monuments, National Natural Landmarks, or any other designated conservation lands. There are no designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, scenic byways, bikeways, or public hiking trails in the project area.

# 4.0 Alternative Development

As discussed in Section 2, potential alternative line routings were developed based upon several siting criteria, including compatibility with land use, minimization of impacts to resources, constructability, and landowner support. Potential alternatives were initially established based on review of topographic mapping and aerial photography. Efforts were made to identify and evaluate the feasibility of paralleling existing utility ROWs to the extent possible. Potential routes were evaluated based upon the presence of resources that would preclude its use as a transmission line ROW. Modifications of routes were made and areas eliminated as a result of this review and three initial alternative routes were identified.

Following the identification of these routes, AEP met with coal company representatives to discuss locations in relation to mining activities as discussed previously. As a result of these discussions, several modifications were made to avoid conflicts with mining activities to the extent feasible. AEP also conducted coordination with landowners in the Big Sandy-Broadford 765 kV line/State Route 80 corridor to identify conflicts with future land use plans. Several modifications were also made as a result of these efforts.

Three final alternative routes emerged from this process as shown on Figure 5. These were designated the North, Central, and South Routes. All of the Alternatives begin at the proposed Morgan Fork Substation at the eastern end, and end at the proposed Hays Branch Substation at the Maytown Compressor Station.

The North Route is approximately 8.3 miles in length and is adjacent or parallel to existing AEP ROW for over half of its length (4.4 miles). Upon leaving the Morgan Fork Substation, the North Route is adjacent to the AEP BC-BL 138 kV ROW for 0.3 mile. It then proceeds 0.3 mile northward before turning west to parallel the south side of the Big Sandy-Broadford 765 kV line ROW for a distance of approximately 4.1 miles. It then leaves the existing ROW in a southeasterly direction generally parallel to and east of the State Route 80 corridor for a distance of approximately 3.6 miles to the Hays Branch Substation.

There are no airports or landing strips within one mile of the study area. There are no churches, hospitals, or schools within 500 feet of any of the alternatives. There are no parks in the vicinity of any of the alternatives.

The primary difference between the North Route and the Central and South Routes in regard to socioeconomic resource categories is that the North Route has approximately twice the number of residences within 500 feet. The transmission line has the potential to create visual impacts through ROW clearing and the introduction of new visual elements to the viewshed. However, this impact is mitigated for the North Route by paralleling existing AEP transmission line ROWs for the majority of the route. The other two routes are located on new alignments, and therefore would be expected to have substantially greater visual impacts.

# 5.1.3 Hydrocarbon Resources

There are two gas wells within the 100-foot ROW of the North Route and one within the ROW of the South Route. It is likely that these features can be avoided during final design.

There is one mine opening documented within the South Route ROW. Representatives of the coal companies that met with AEP on November 16, 2006 indicated that there are extensive plans for mining operations in the areas traversed by the Central and South Routes. These representatives further indicated that the implementation of either of these routes would have substantial economic and resource use impacts to their operations due to limitations on mining under the ROW. The mining plans in these areas are so extensive that route alterations to avoid these operations are not possible. Conversely, the North Route avoids most areas of active or planned mining activity due to its location adjacent to existing transmission line ROWs.

# 5.1.4 Cultural Resources

The North Route crosses five previously surveyed areas in which no archaeological sites were found. The Central Route and South Route each cross one previously surveyed area where no sites were found. The proposed Morgan Fork Substation is also located partially within this survey area.

# 5.1.5 Natural Resources

There are no parks, state or federal forests, state wildlife management areas, refuges, designated natural areas or conservation areas, National Landmarks, or National Natural Landmarks in the study area.

No rare, threatened, or endangered species have been reported within 500 feet of the ROW of any of the Alternative Routes. However, forest habitat in the study area is suitable foraging, roosting, and wintering habitat for the endangered Indiana bat. There are no known mine openings within the 100-foot ROW of any of the alternatives. However, there are two within 500 feet of the North Route and five within 500 feet of the South Route. It is not anticipated that the project would have any effect on mine openings outside of the ROW. This would require further discussion with the USFWS. In addition, field surveys may be necessary to determine if there are undocumented mine openings or other potential hibernacula sites in the vicinity of the alternatives.

None of the routes are located within the watershed of the cave occupied by the Ashcamp Cave Beetle. No substantial impacts to the aquatic species of concern that could potentially occur within watersheds crossed by the routes would be anticipated provided that appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls are implemented. The potential for impact to habitat of Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company LLC - 138 kV Transmission Line Siting Study

the scarlet kingsnake, common raven, and sharp-shinned hawk are anticipated to be least with the North Route due to it's location primarily adjacent to existing ROWs.

The South and Central Routes would cross 2.8 miles (34.1 acres and 34.5 acres, respectively) of large forest tracts. These crossings would result in further fragmentation of these tracts. In comparison, the North Route has minimized impacts to large forest tracts by paralleling existing ROW to a large extent. This alternative would traverse 0.3 mile (3.4 acres) of large forest tracts and would not result in additional fragmentation.

The NWI indicates small areas of wetland within the 100-foot wide ROW of each of the Alternatives ranging from < 0.01 acre in the Central Route to 0.8 acre in the North Route. Some of these wetland areas may be manmade ponds on strip mine areas. Based on the NWI data, none of the alternatives appear to have a significant potential to cause wetland impacts.

#### 5.1.6 Summary

Table 2 provides a comparative summary of the potential constraints and opportunities associated with each of the alternatives. Based on the evaluations conducted for this study, no obvious fatal flaws were identified in association with any of the alternatives examined. Therefore, all routings appear to be potentially suitable. However, there are several factors that indicate that the North Route is more suitable than the others. These include:

- The North Route is located parallel and adjacent to existing AEP transmission corridors for the majority of its length. This results in substantially greater compatibility with existing land uses and substantially minimizes the potential for visual impacts than the other routes avoiding or minimizing impacts on human, natural, visual, and cultural resources. The majority of land adjacent to the North Route is existing transmission line ROW or forest.
- Due to its location adjacent to existing transmission ROWs, the North Route is compatible with existing and planned mining activities. These activities have been planned so as to avoid potential conflicts with the existing transmission lines. Both the Central and South Routes directly bisect mining activity areas for substantial distances. The crossings of these areas create potential hazards to the transmission line due to subsidence potential and create operational difficulties for mine operators.
- Again due to its location adjacent to existing transmission ROWs, the North Route has significantly fewer impacts to large forest tracts, an ecological resource of concern to the KSNPC.

There is one residence within the 100-foot ROW of the North Route. It appears that this residence can potentially be avoided during final design.

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# Table 2

# COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS SUMMARY

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North	8.3	1/27	0/1	0/0	1/6	10	0.3	0.8	3.4	0	0/2	2/22	Slight
Central	6.7	0/10	0/1	0/1	0/1	7	0.0	0.01	34.5	0	0/0	0/11	Substantial
South	9.2	0/15	0/1	0/0	0/0	7	1.4	0.3	34.1	0	1/4	1/21	1/21 Substantial

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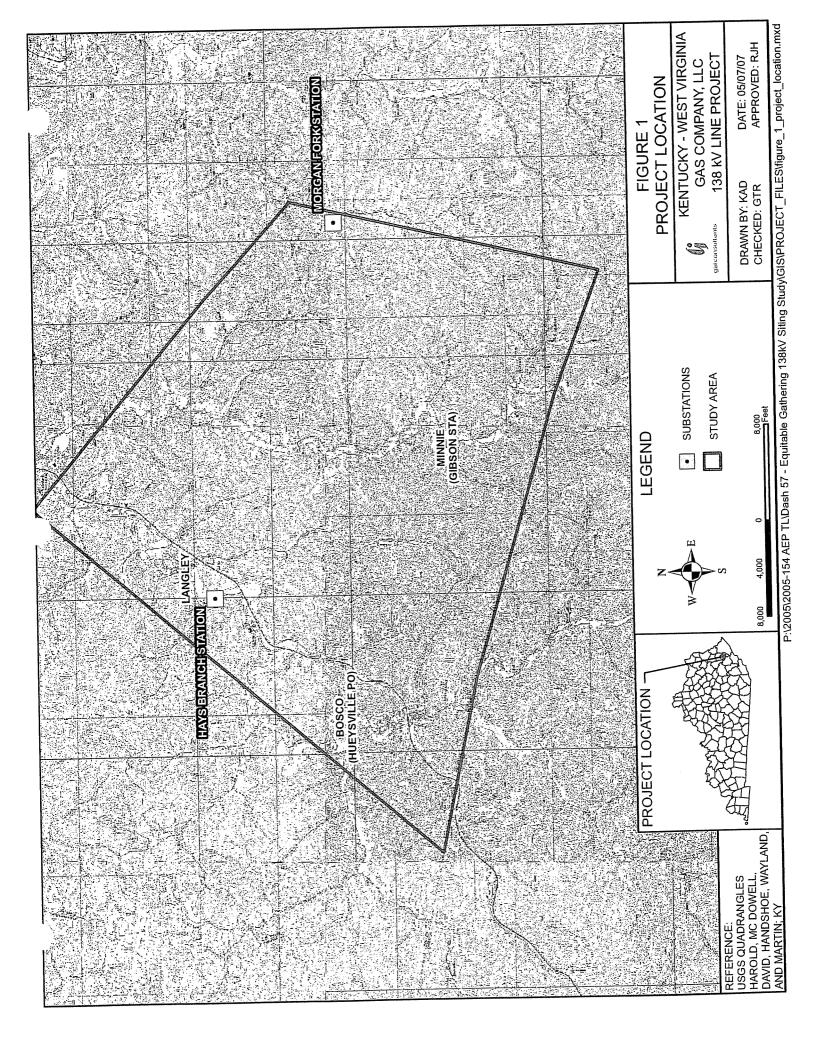
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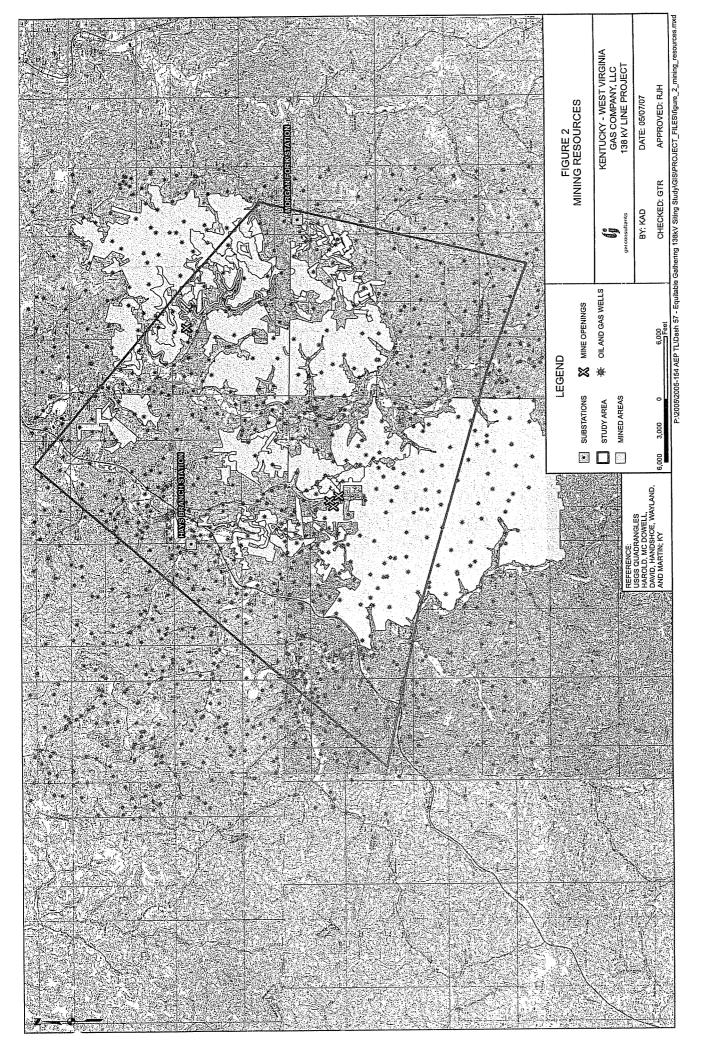
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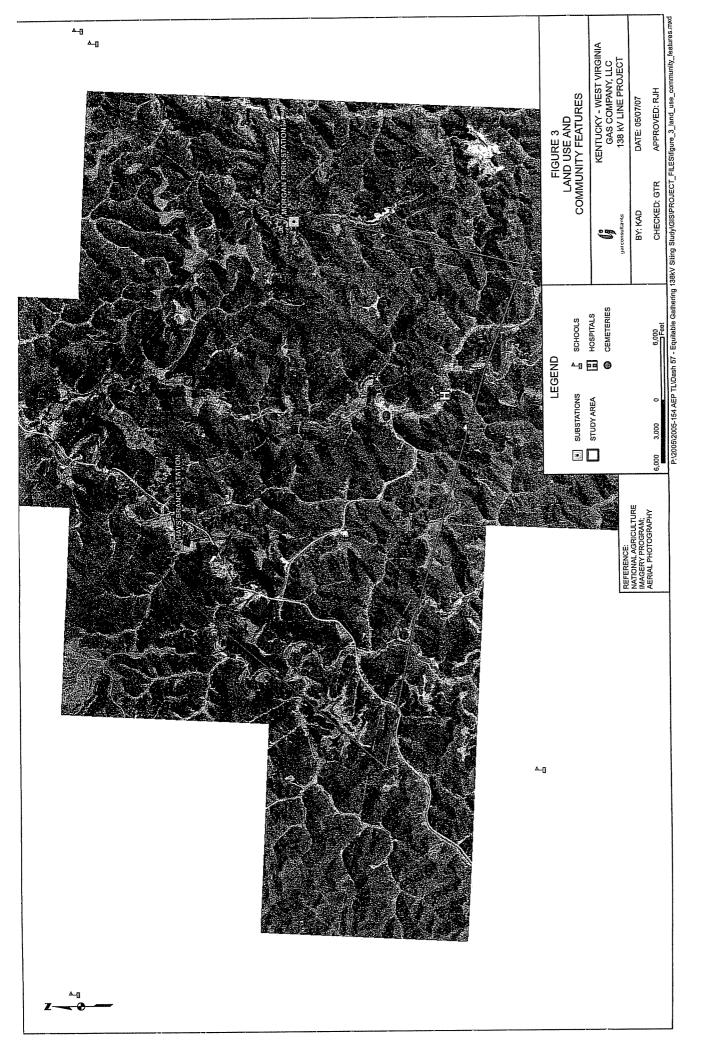
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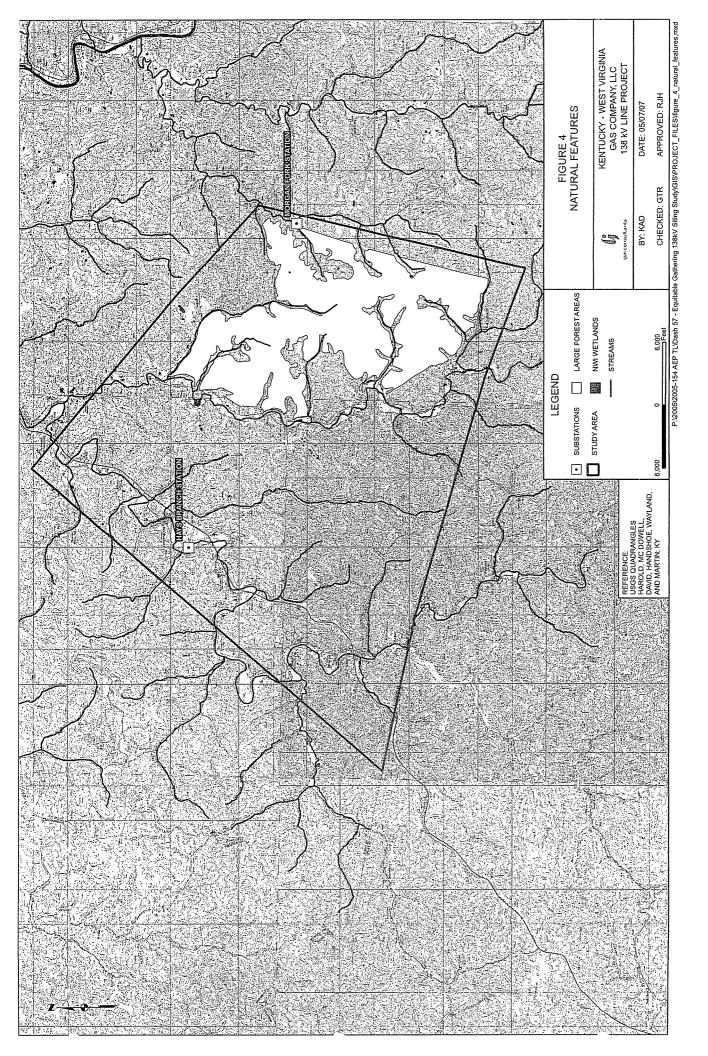
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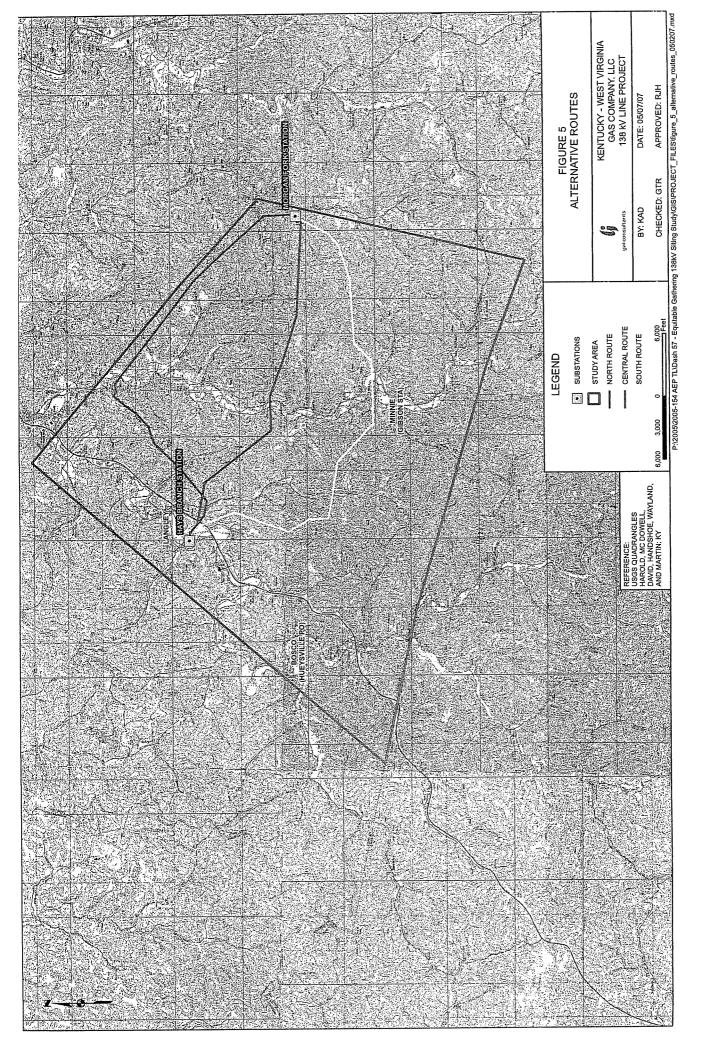
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## CASE NO. 2007-00155 EXHIBIT 4

# Verification of Mailing

I, Errol K. Wagner, being first duly sworn, state that on May 14, 2007 I caused

the information required by 807 KAR 5:120, Section 1(3) to be mailed to each property

owner, as indicated by the records of the Floyd County Property Valuation

Administrator, whose property the proposed transmission line will cross.

Errol K. Wagner

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, by Errol K. Wagner.

My commission expires:

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May 14, 2007

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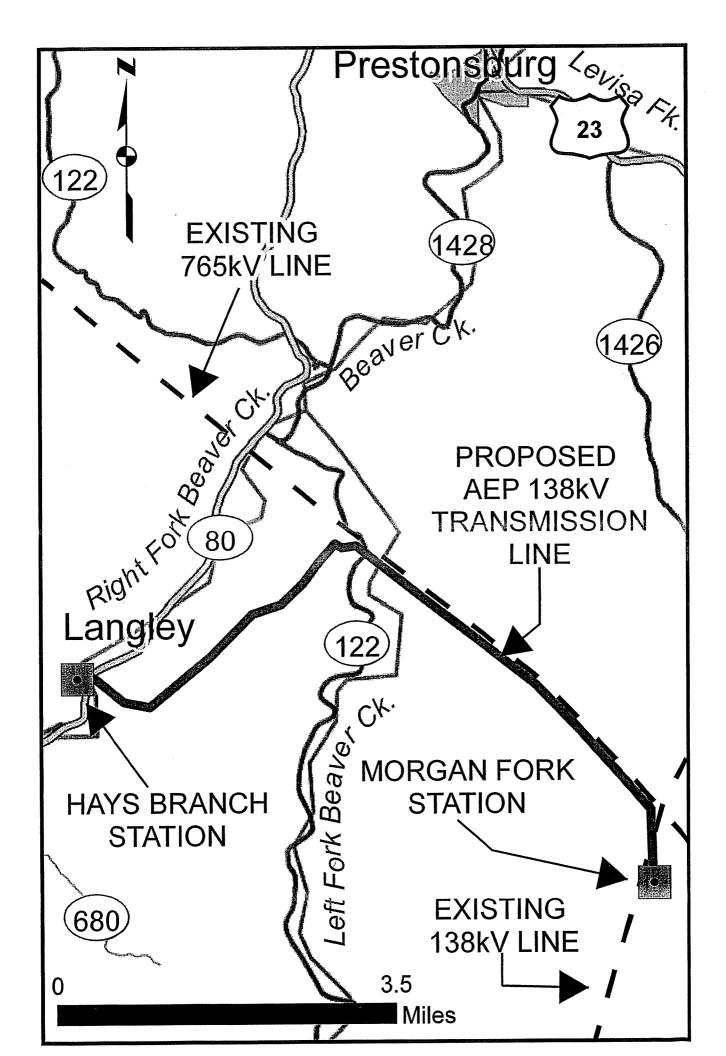
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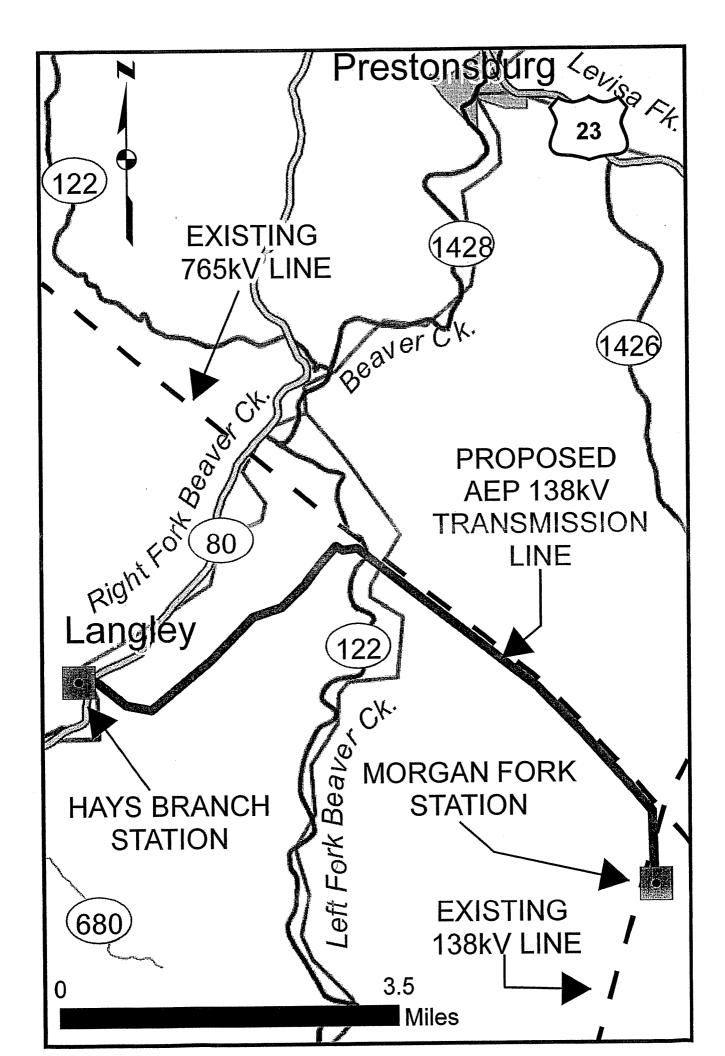
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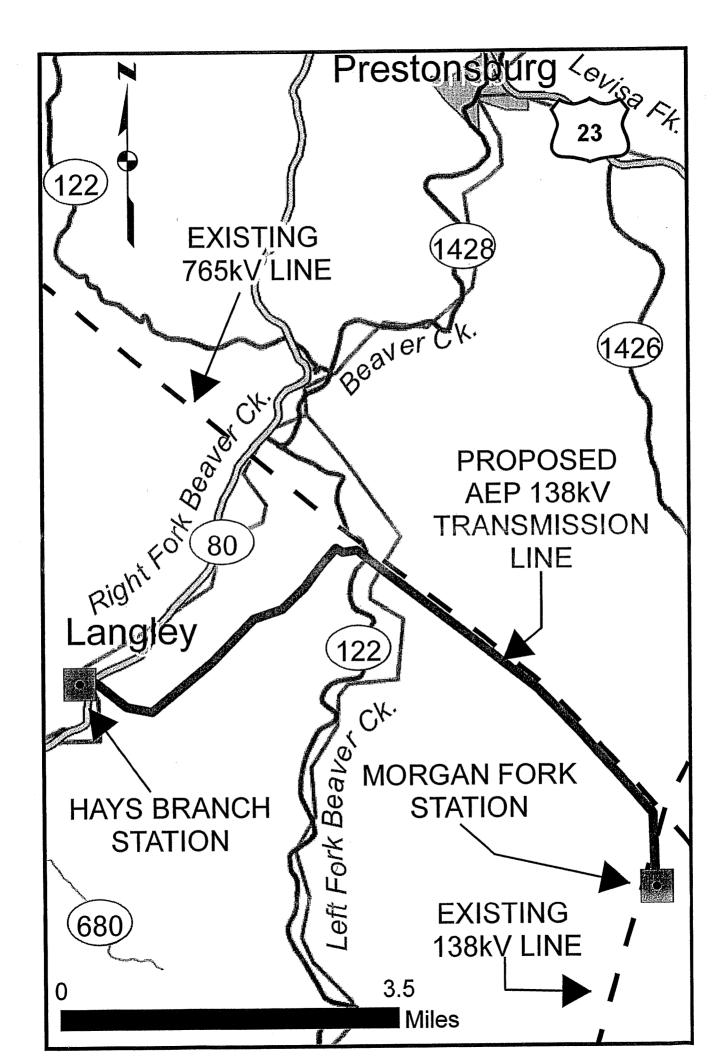
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Floyd County Fiscal Court Mike Jarrell 149 S. Central Ave Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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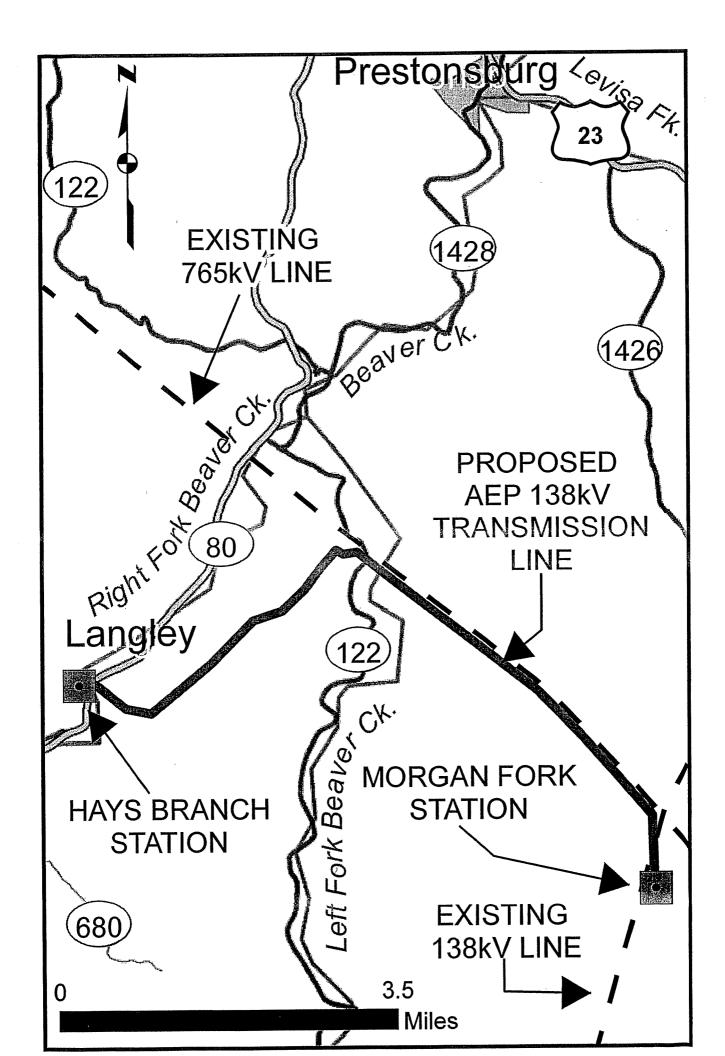
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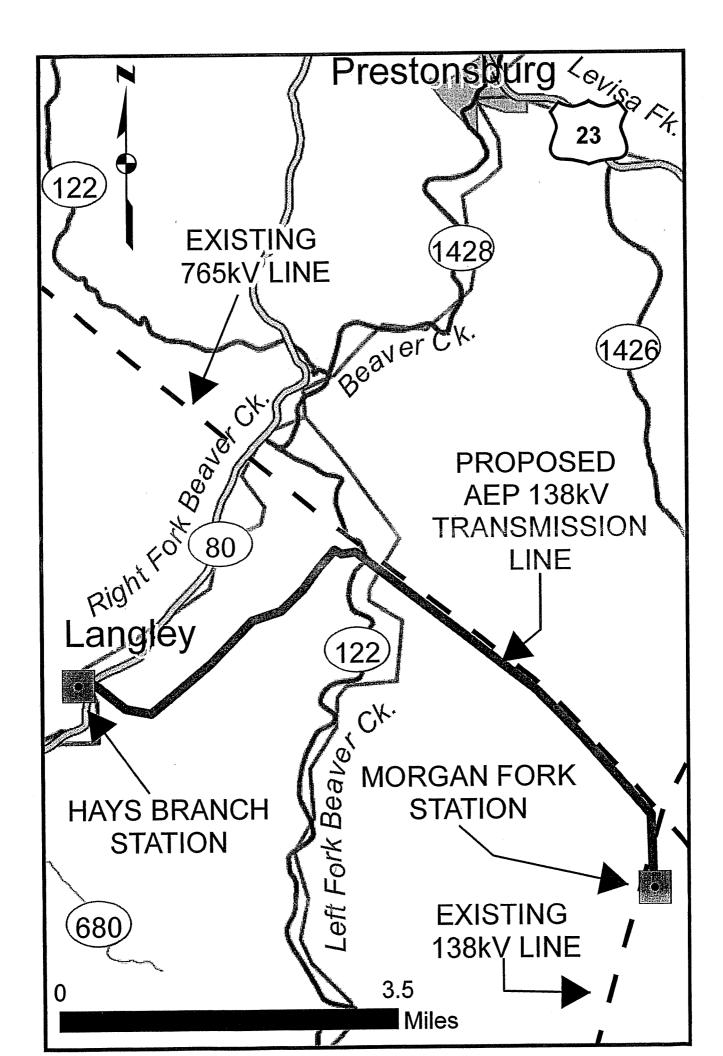
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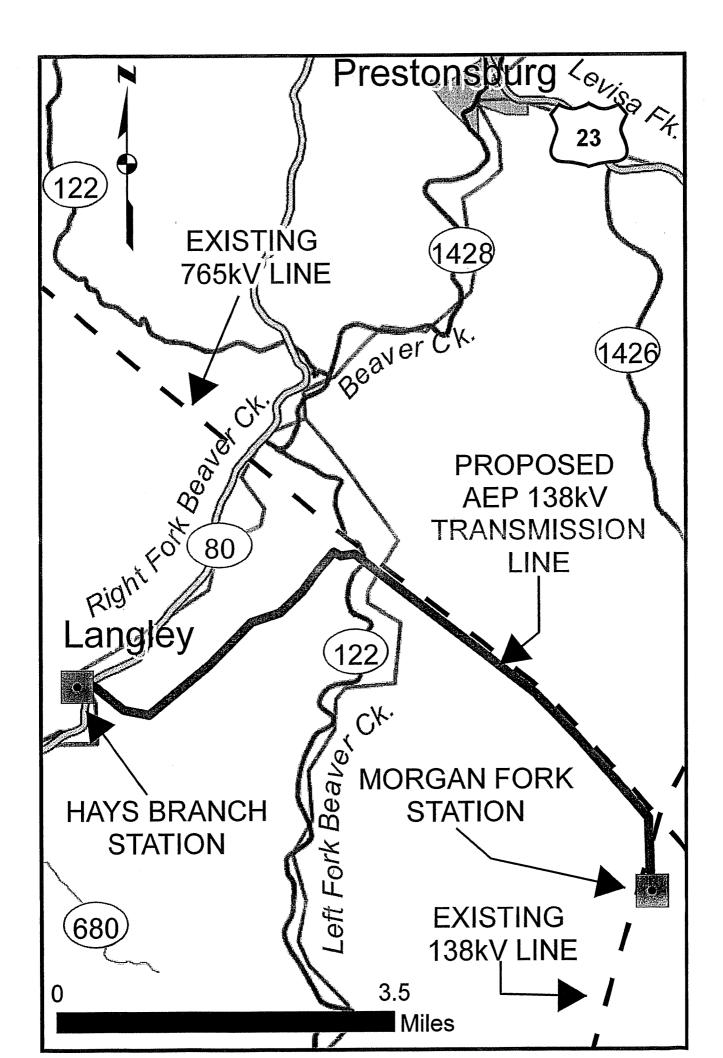
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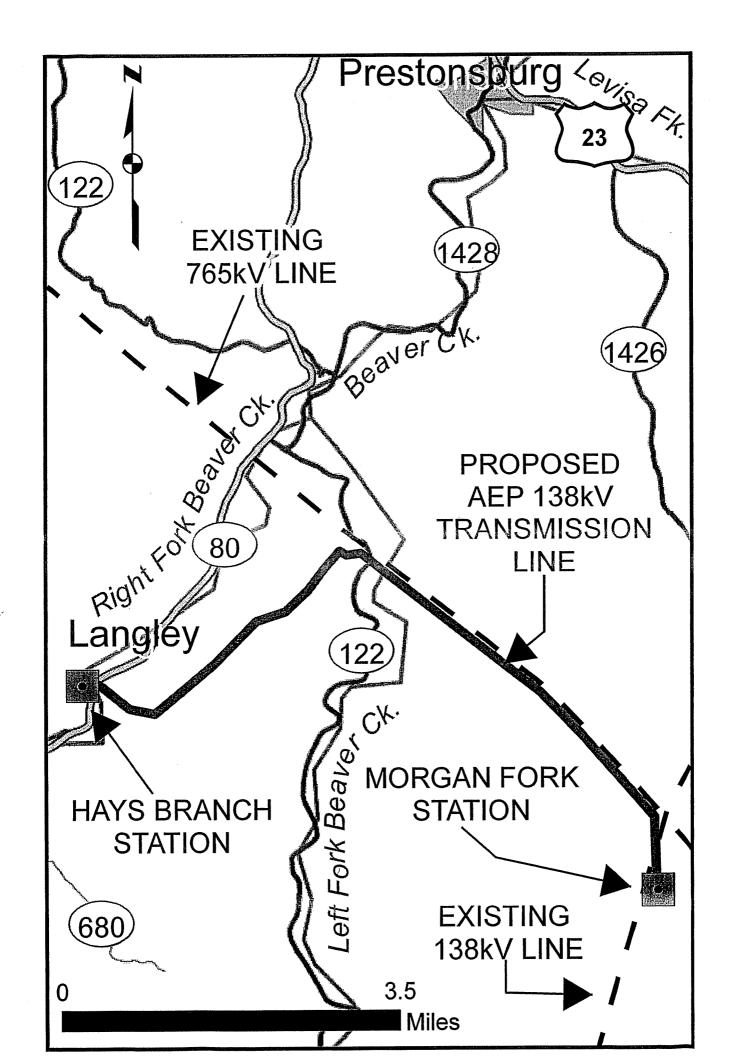
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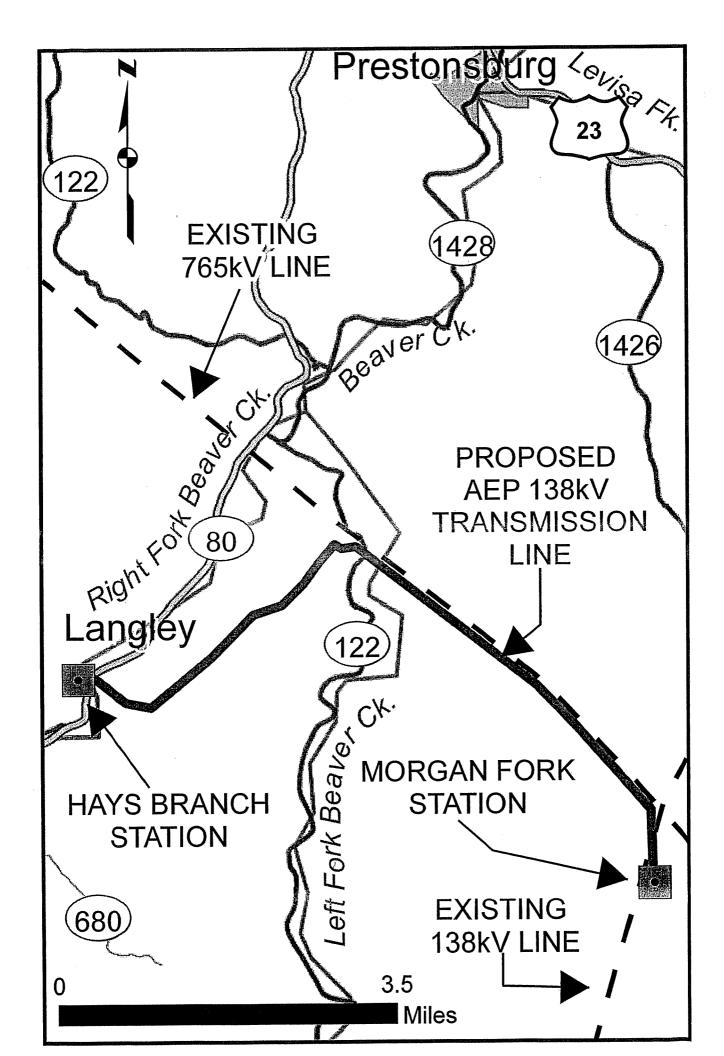
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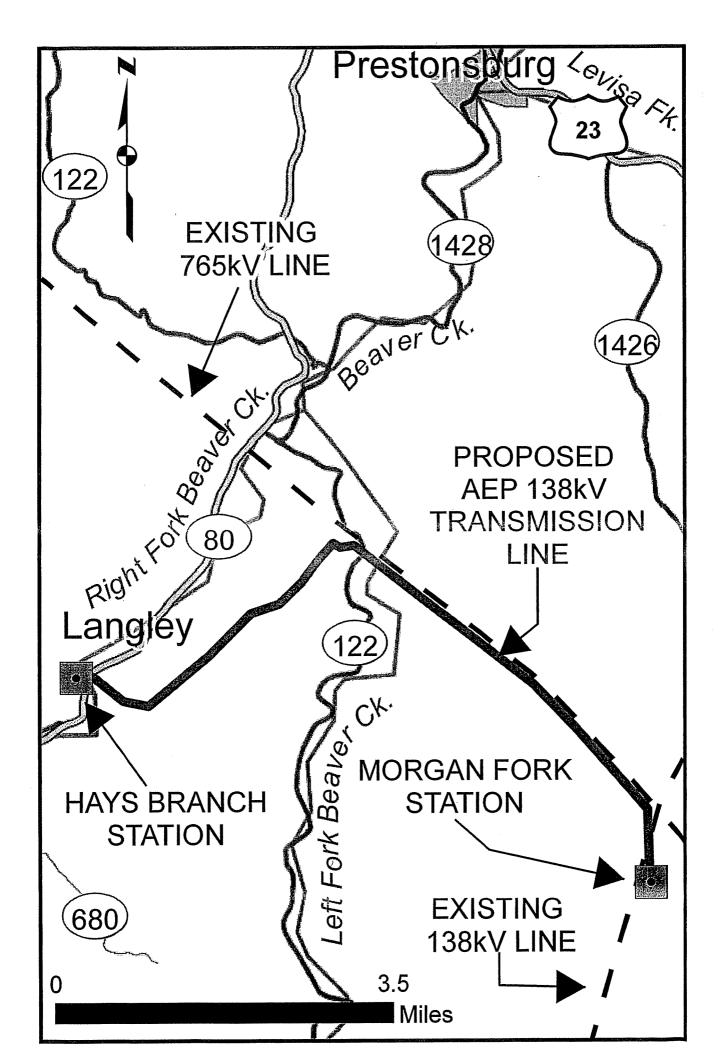
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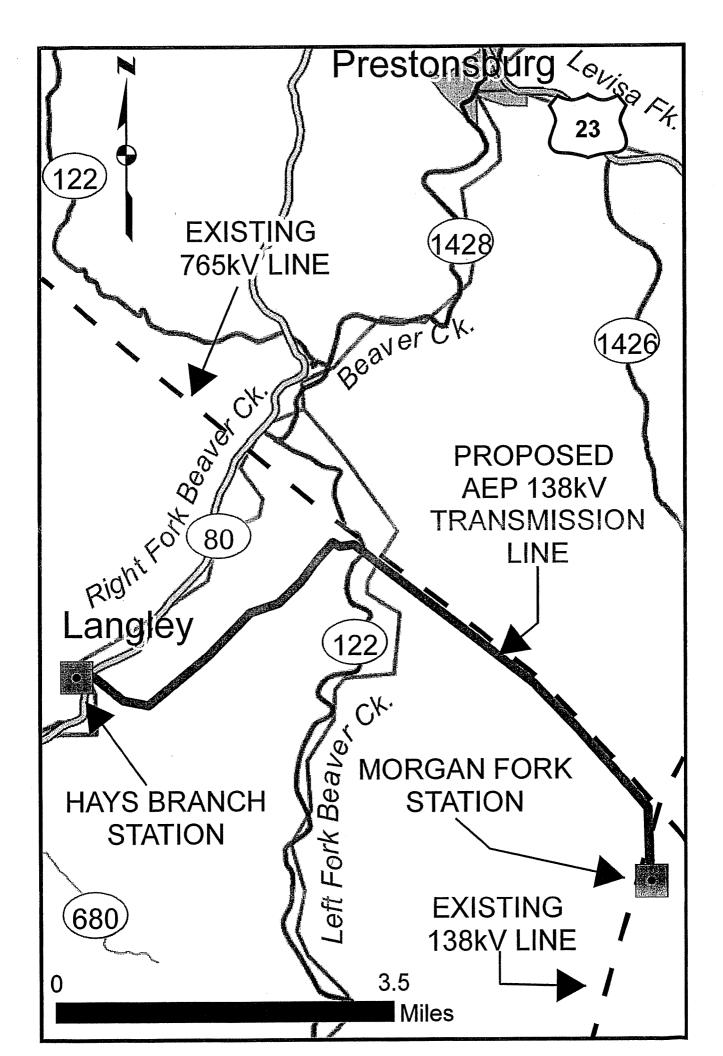
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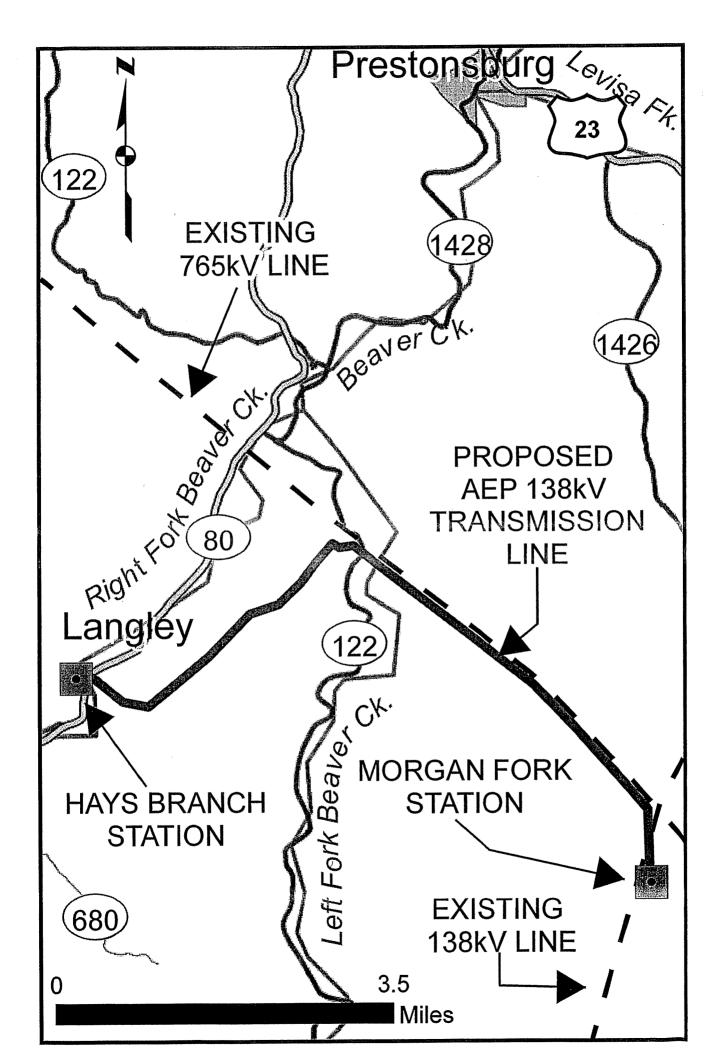
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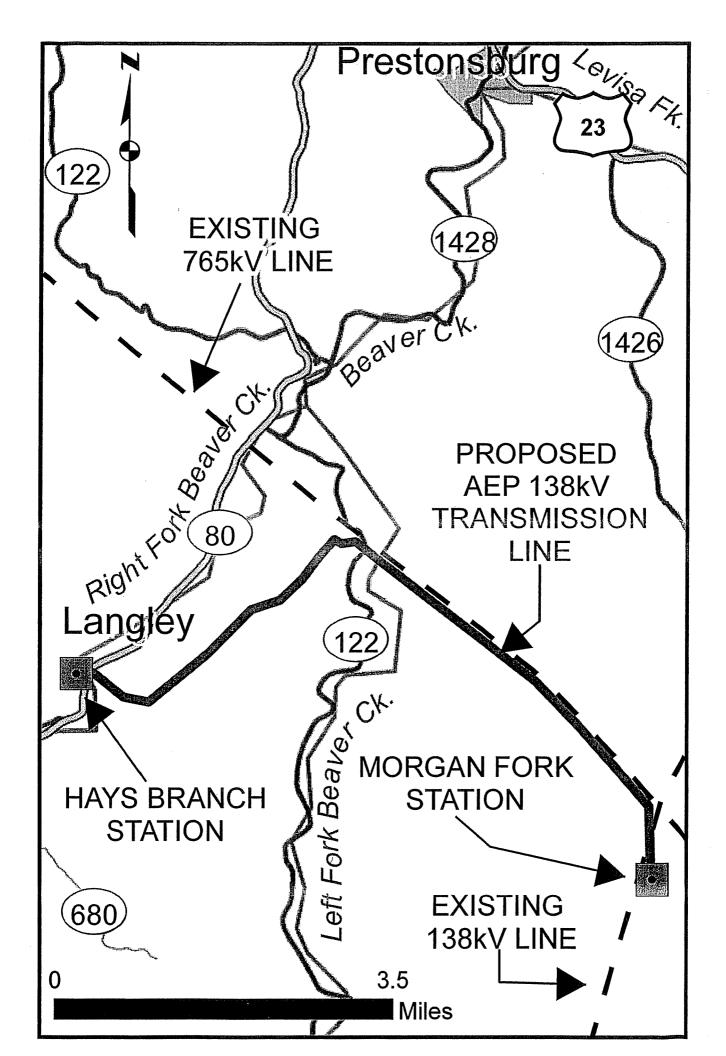
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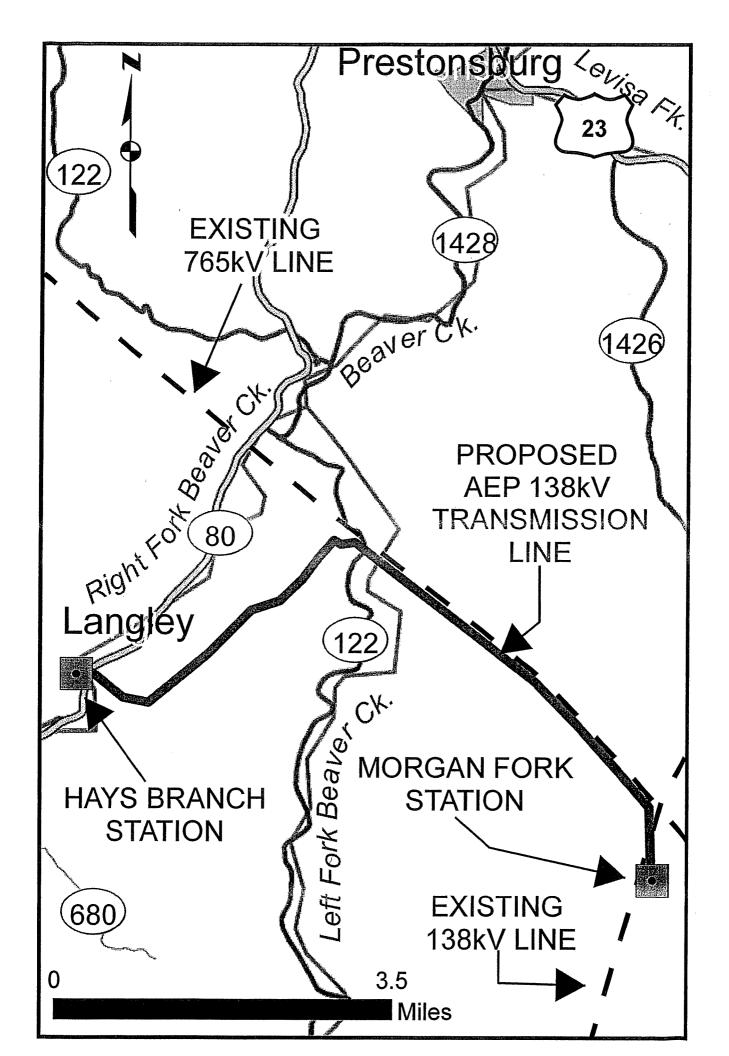
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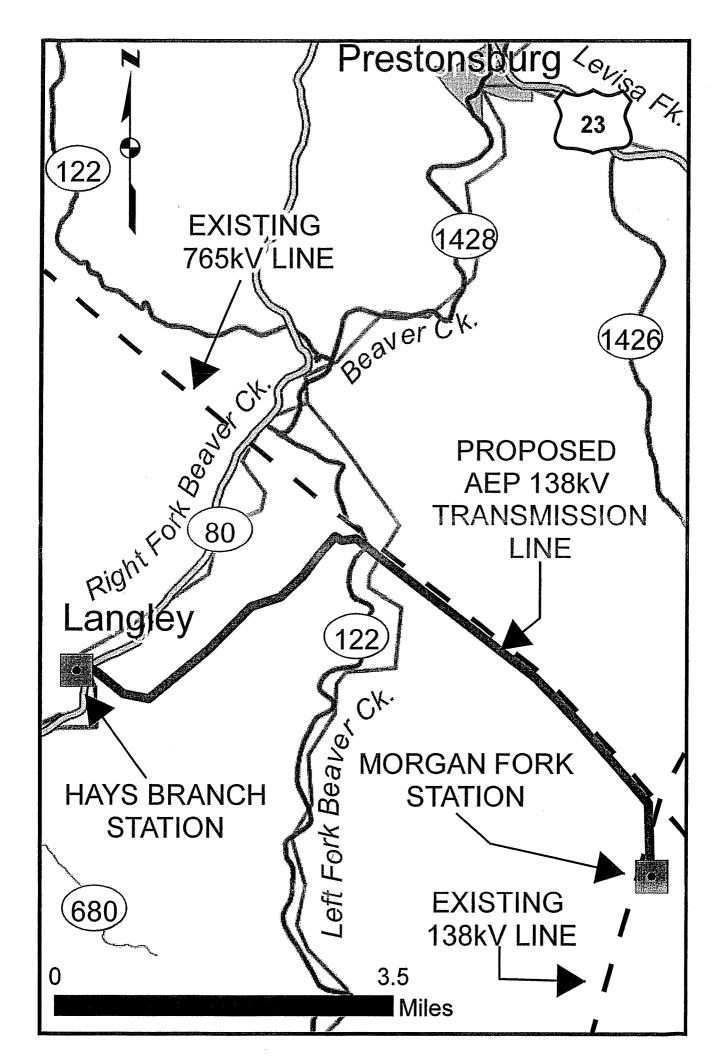
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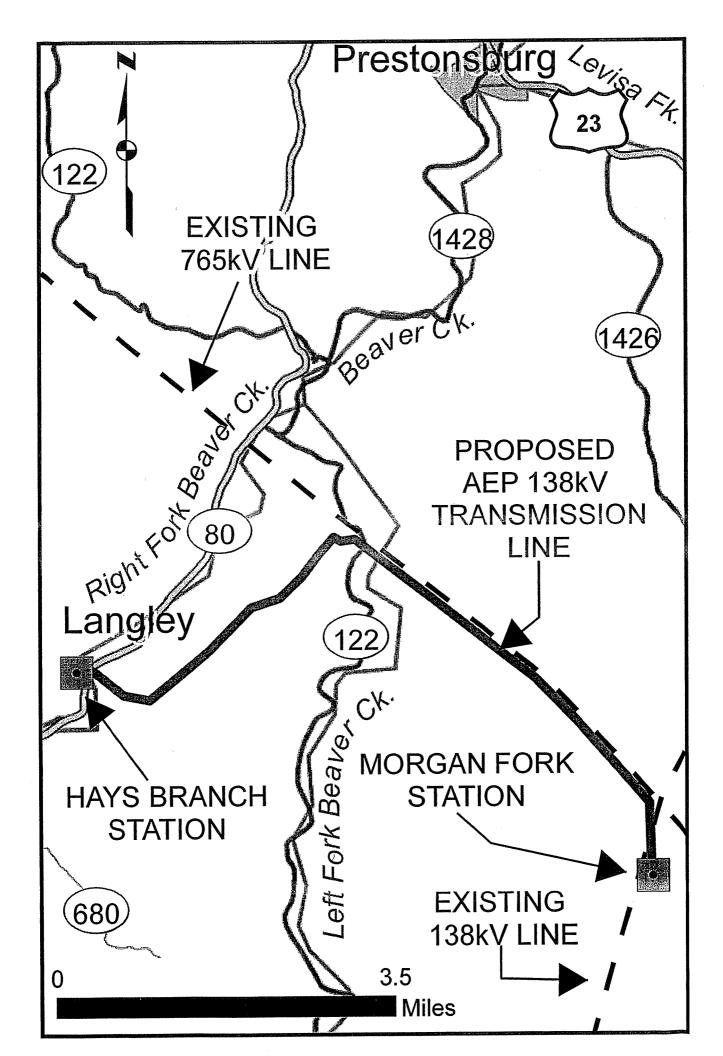
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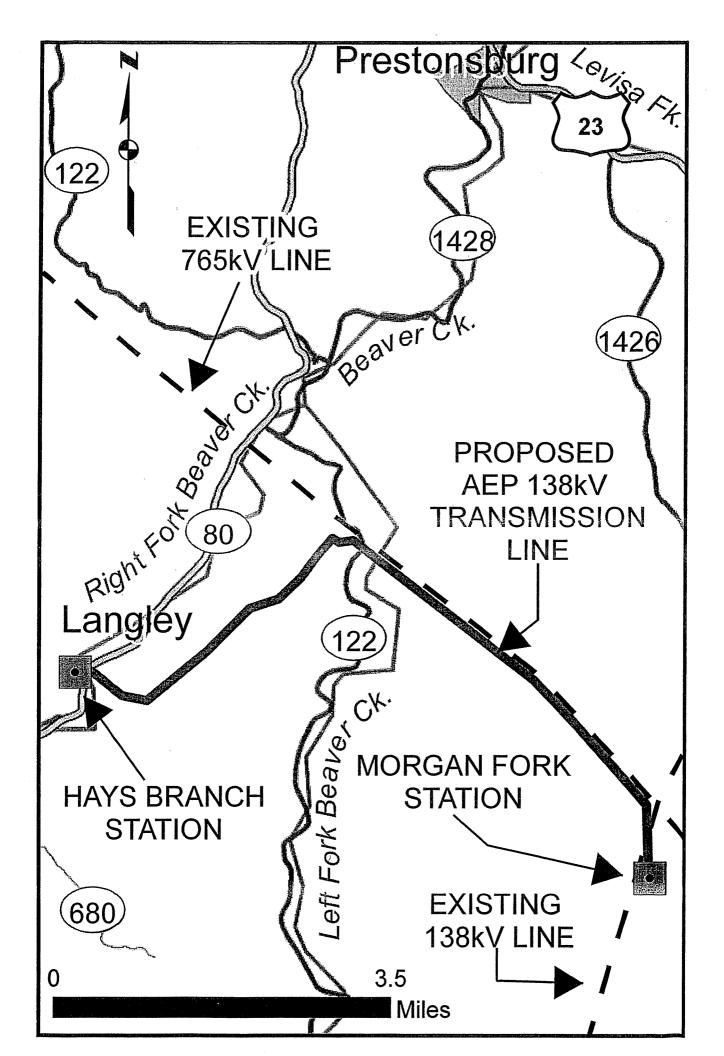
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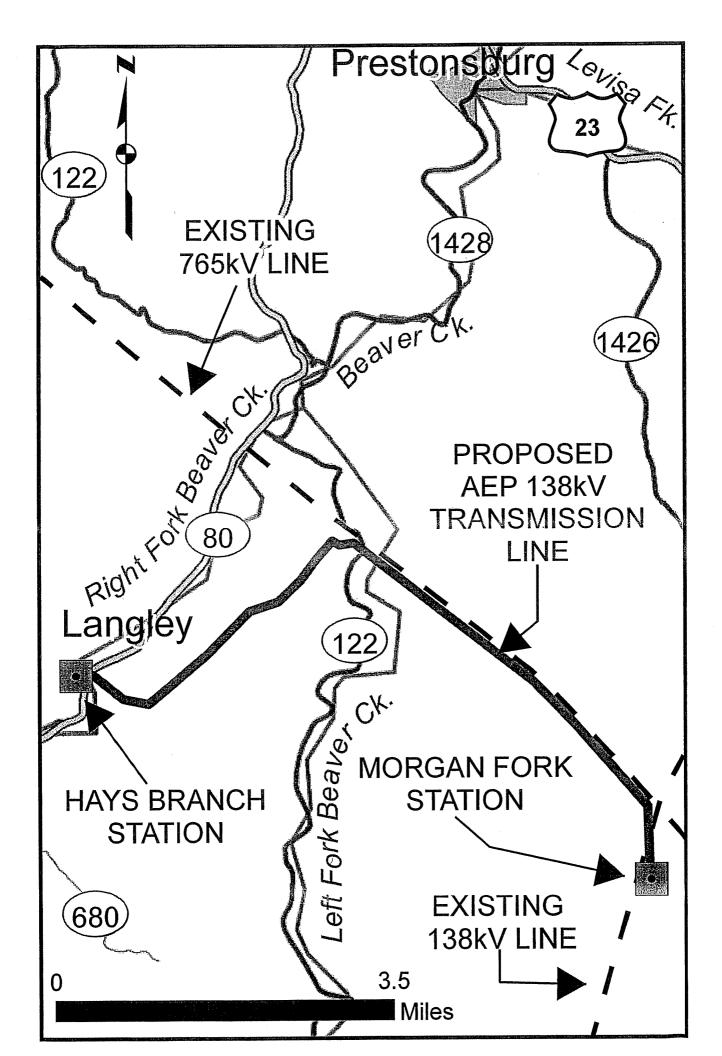
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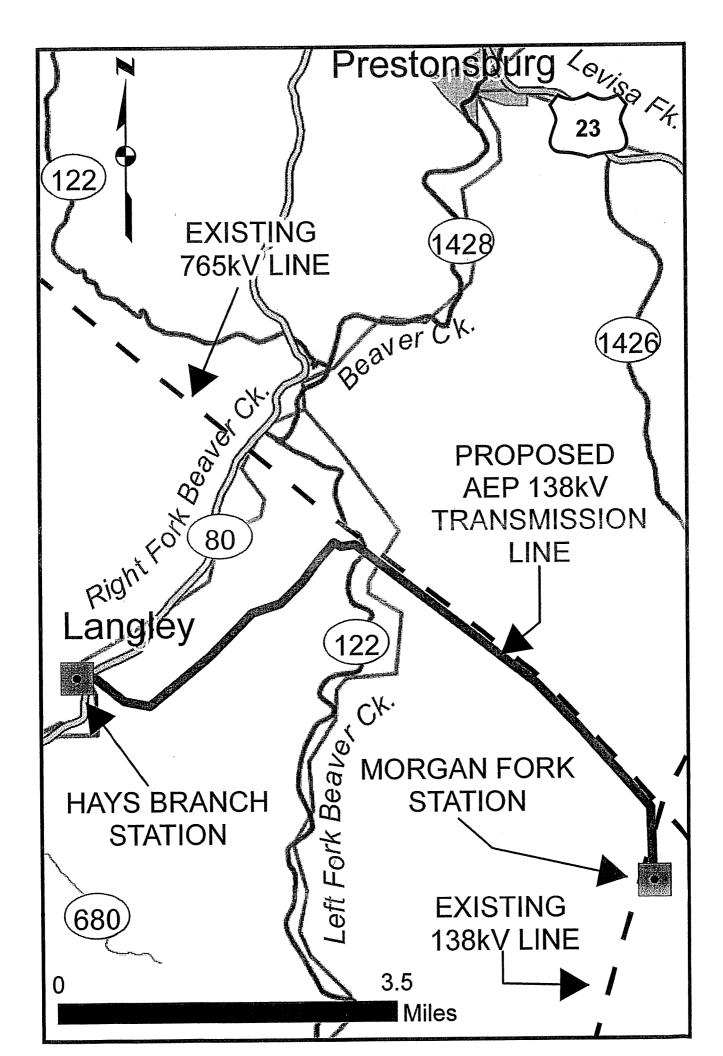
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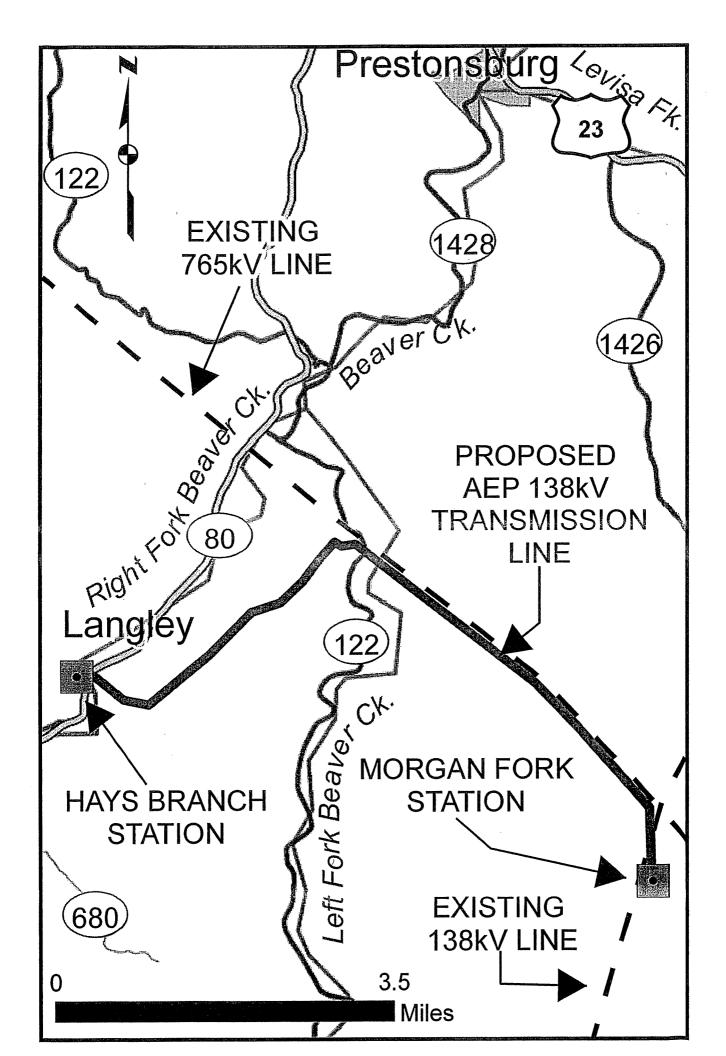
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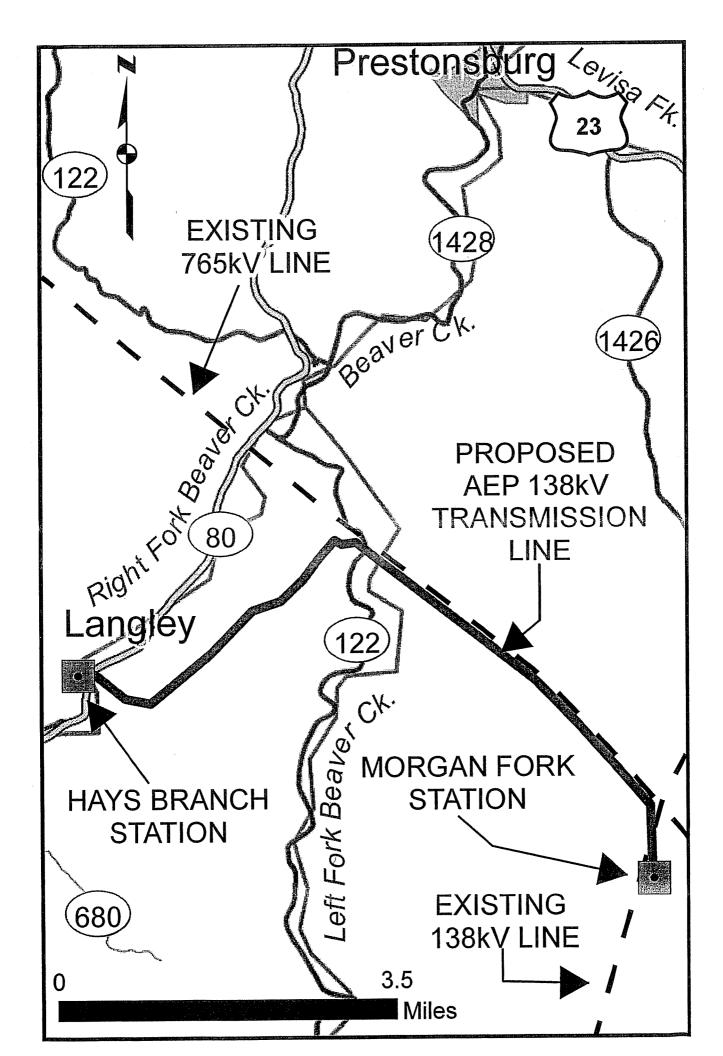
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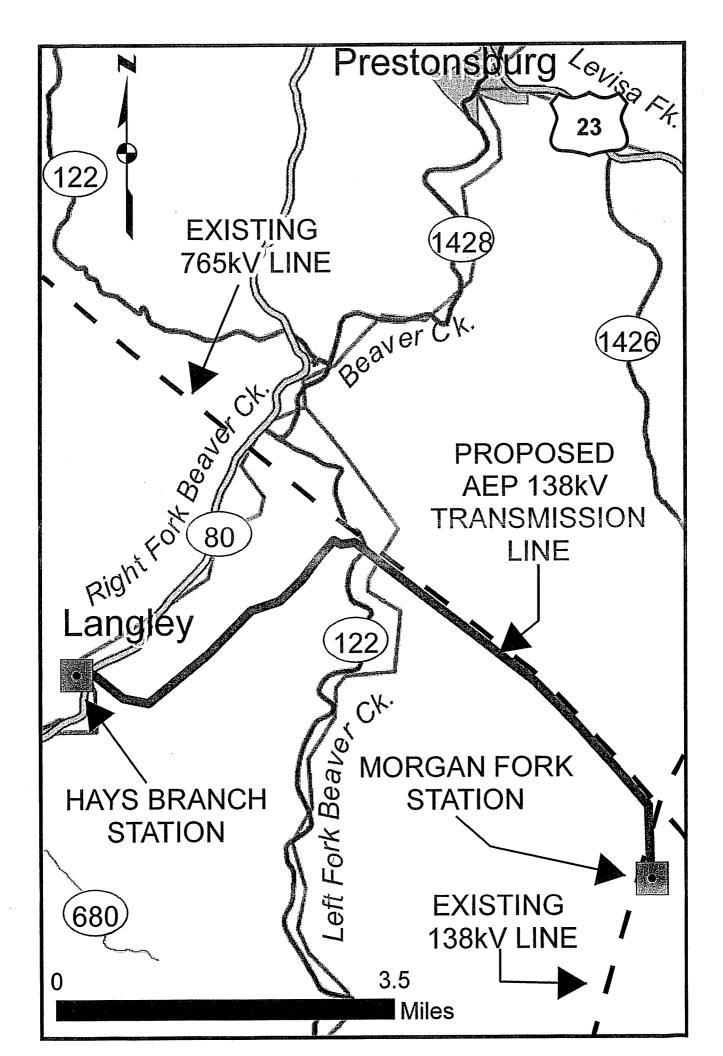
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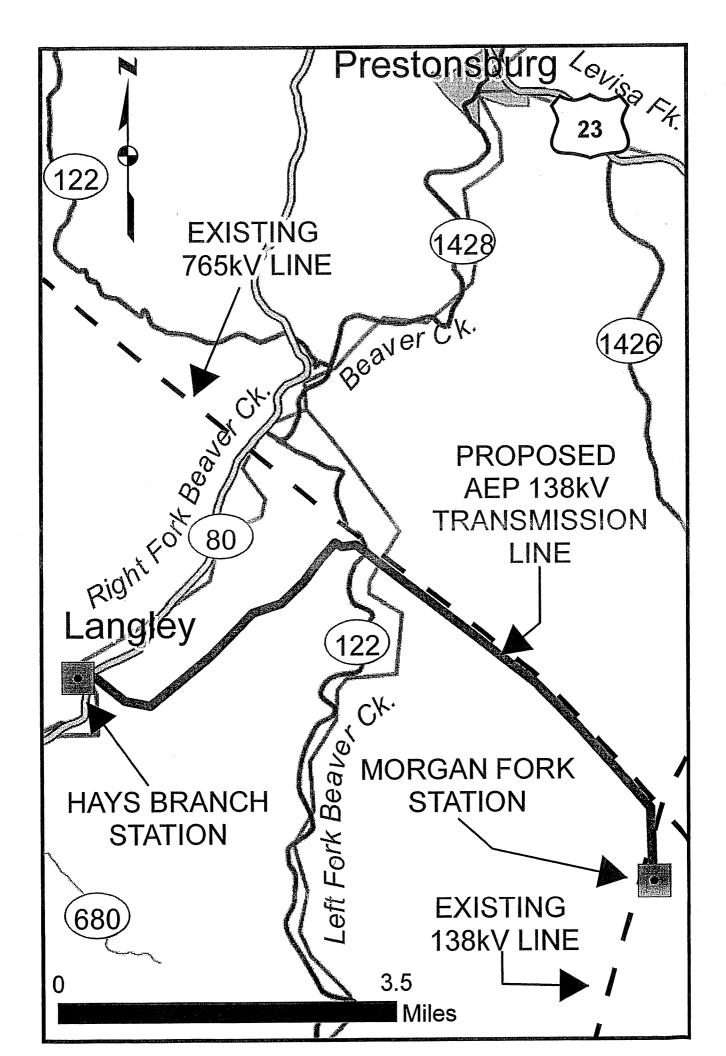
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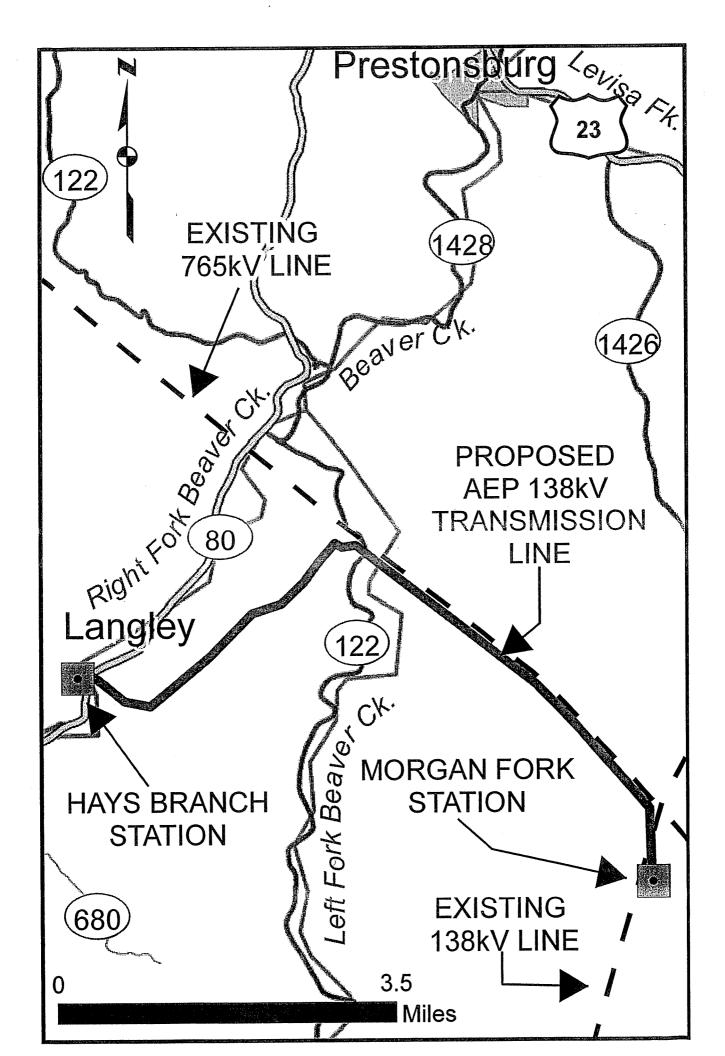
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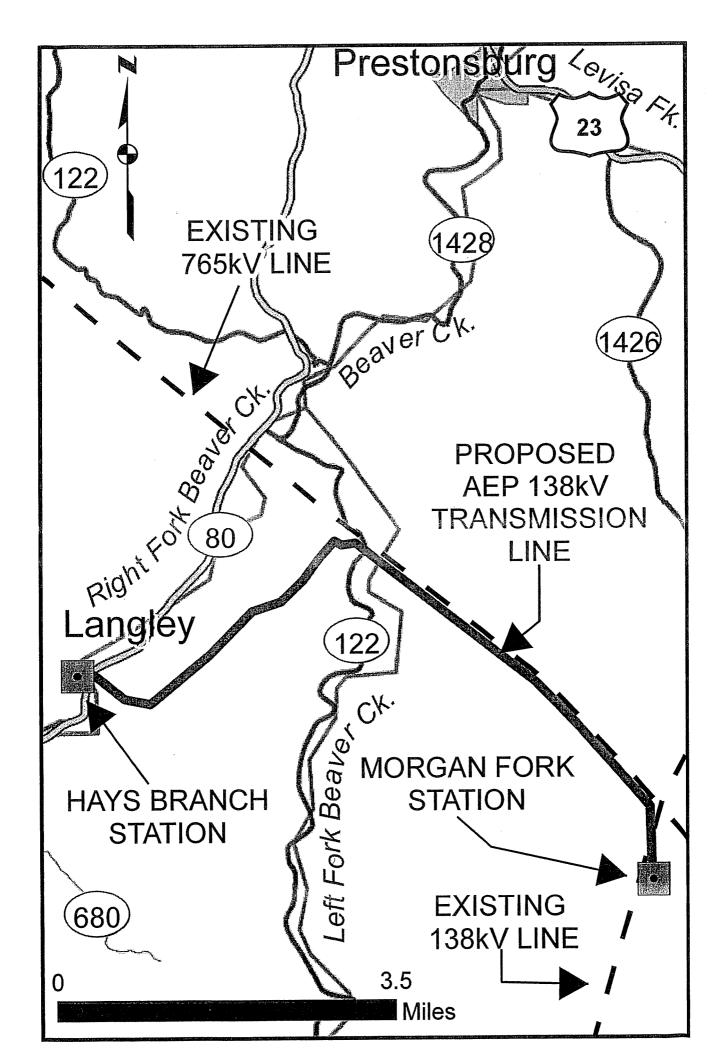
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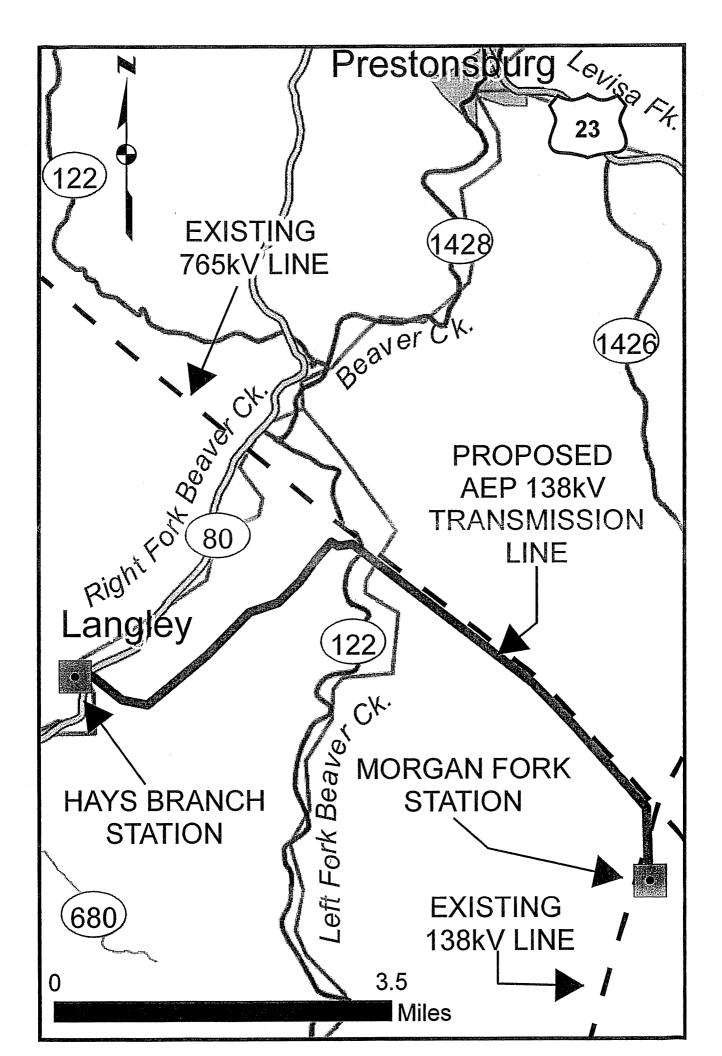
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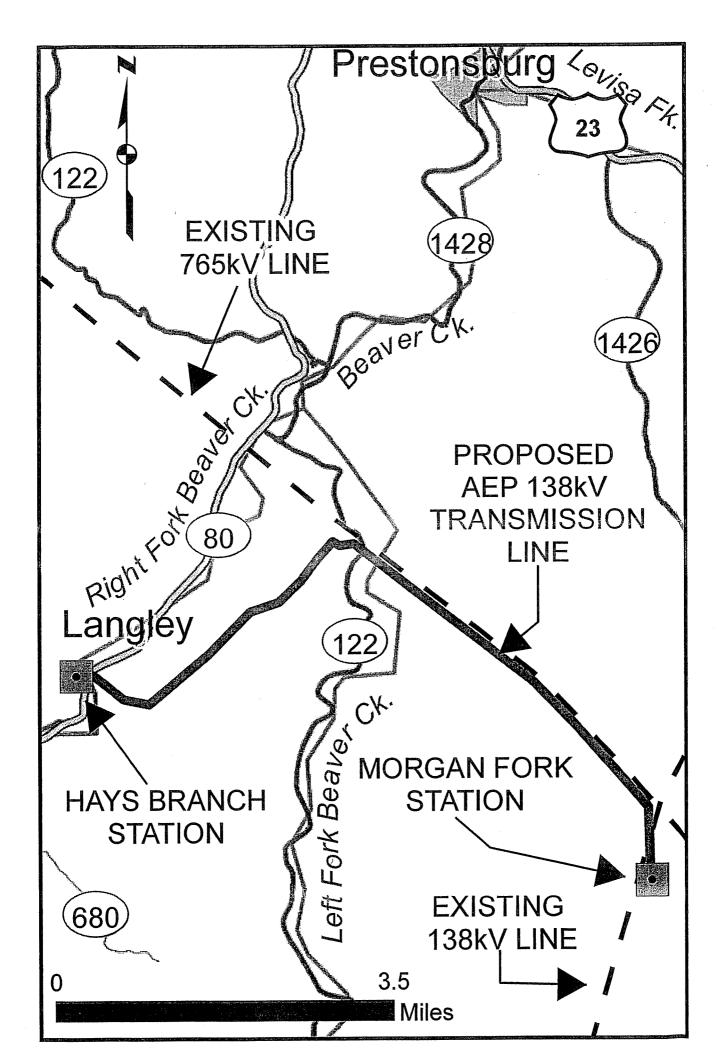
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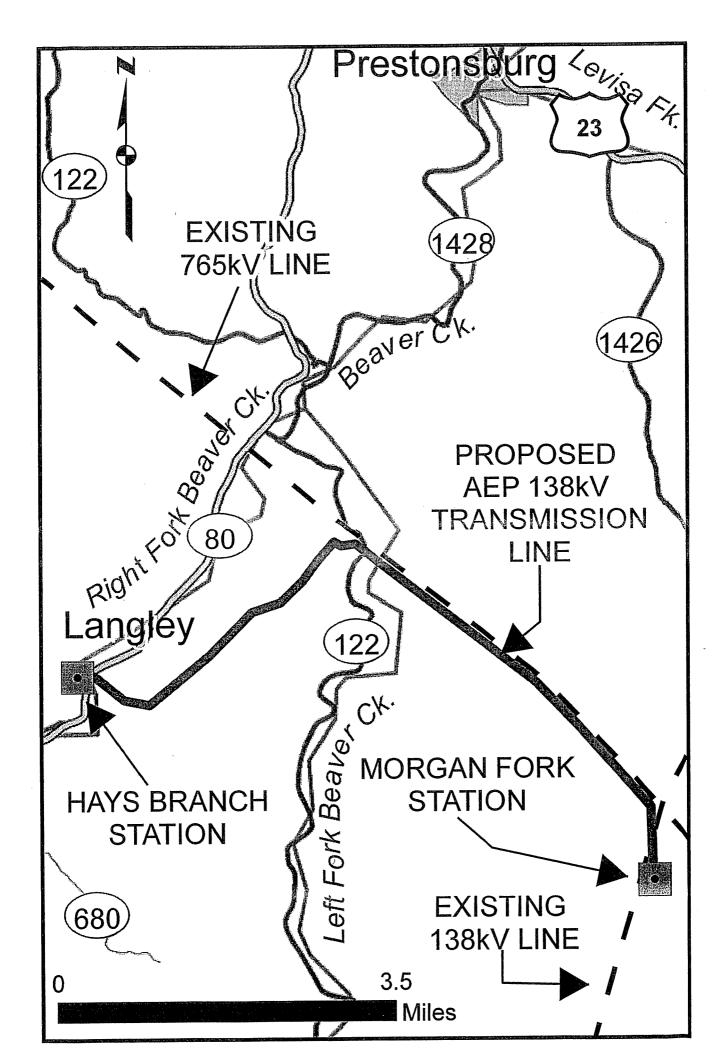
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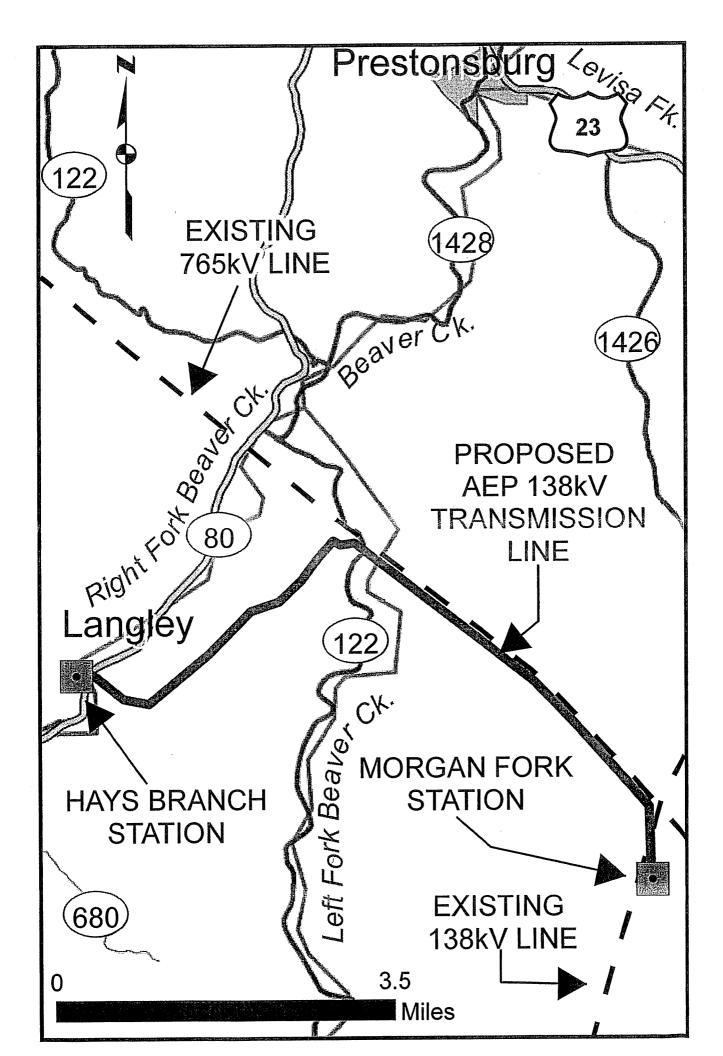
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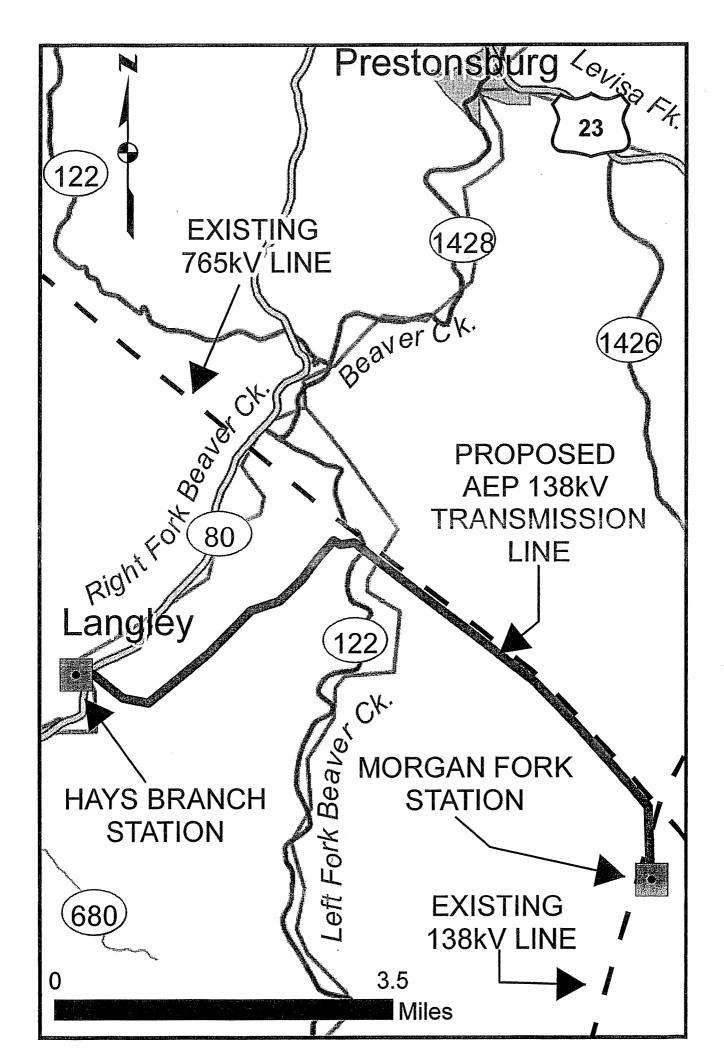
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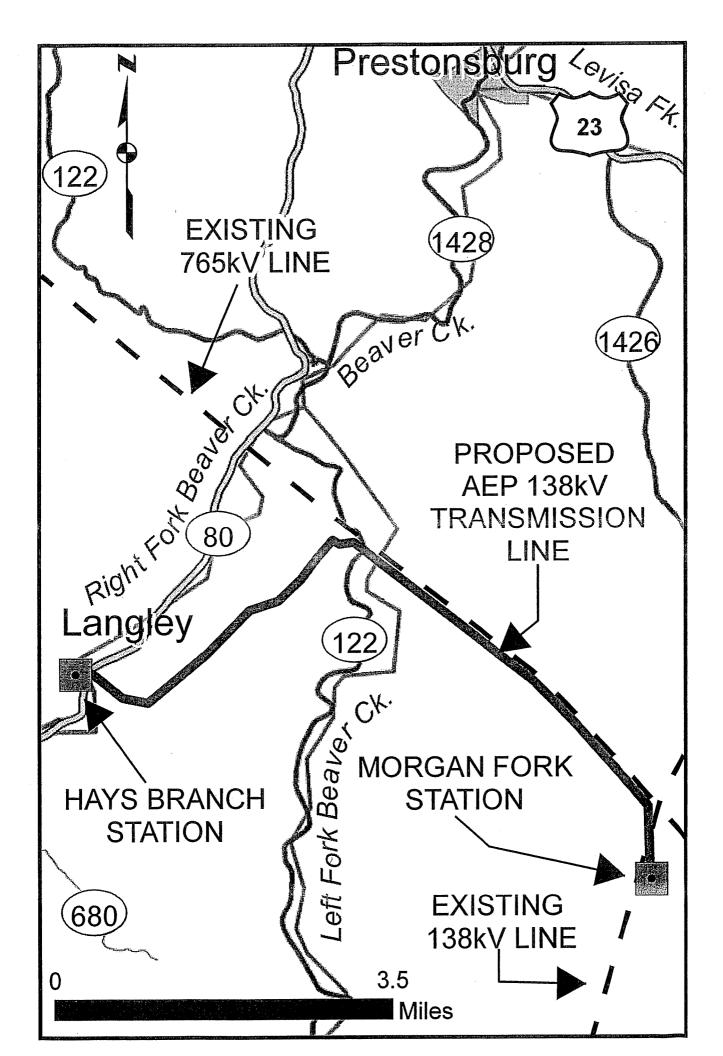
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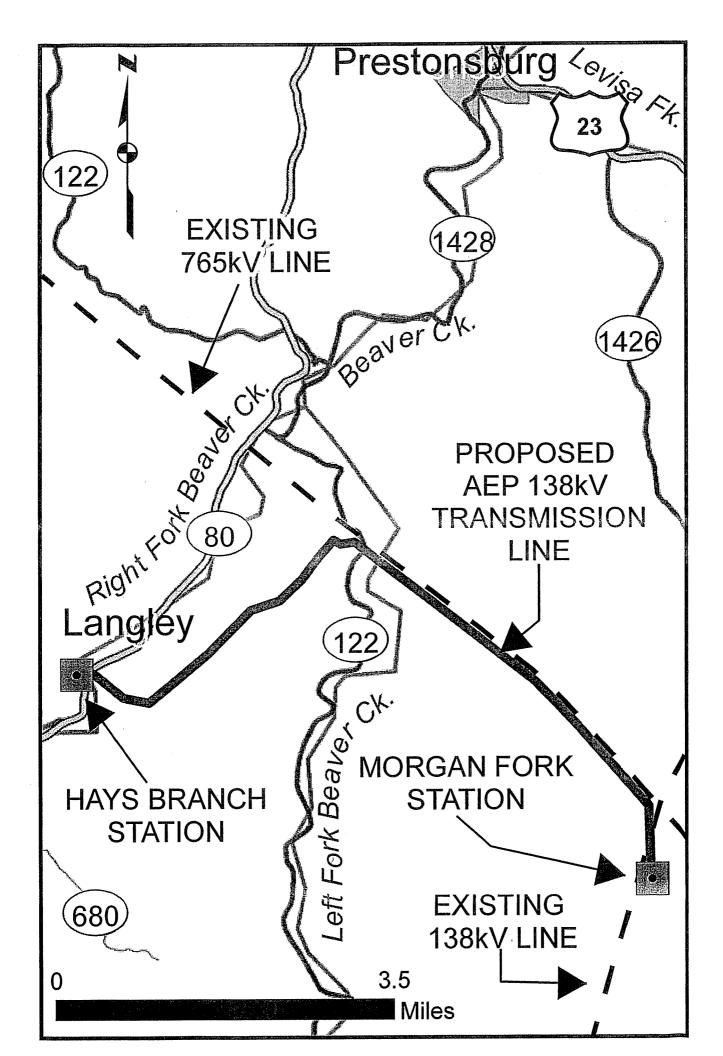
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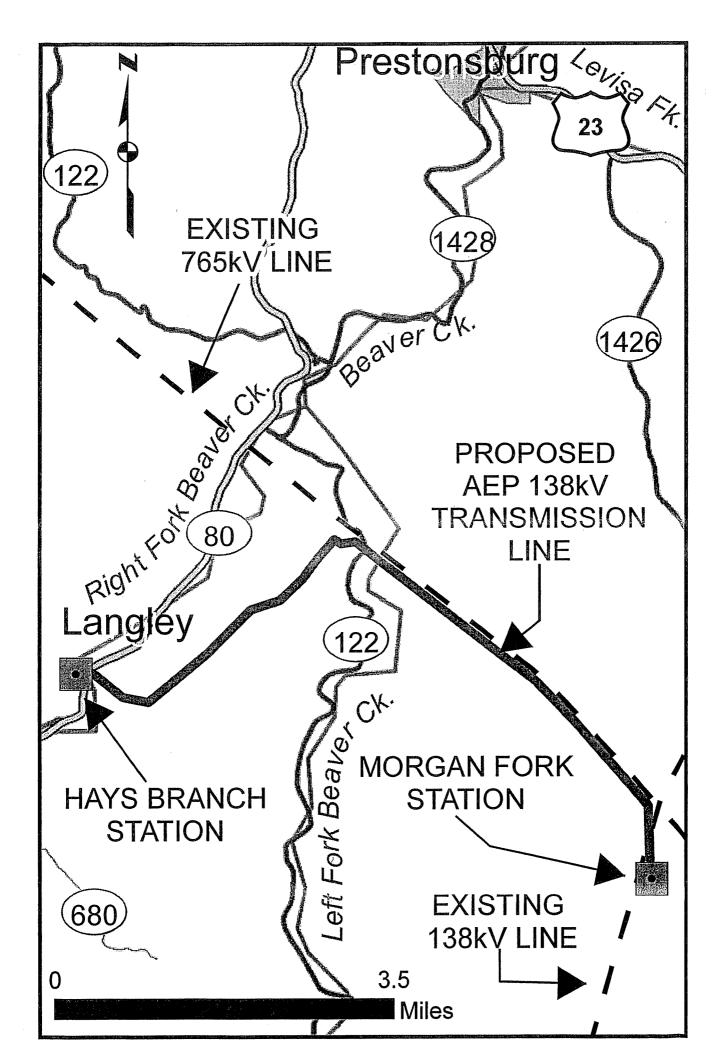
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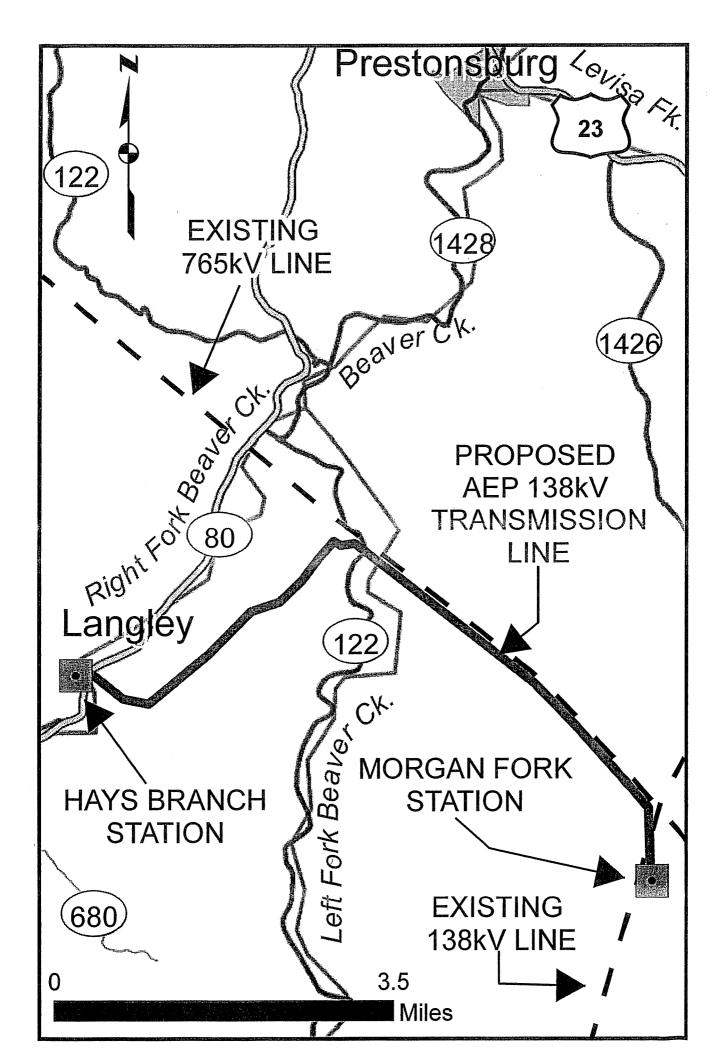
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- (b) Your name, address and telephone number;
- (c) A statement whether you wish to participate in any evidentiary hearing or to make an unsworn public statement concerning the proposed application.

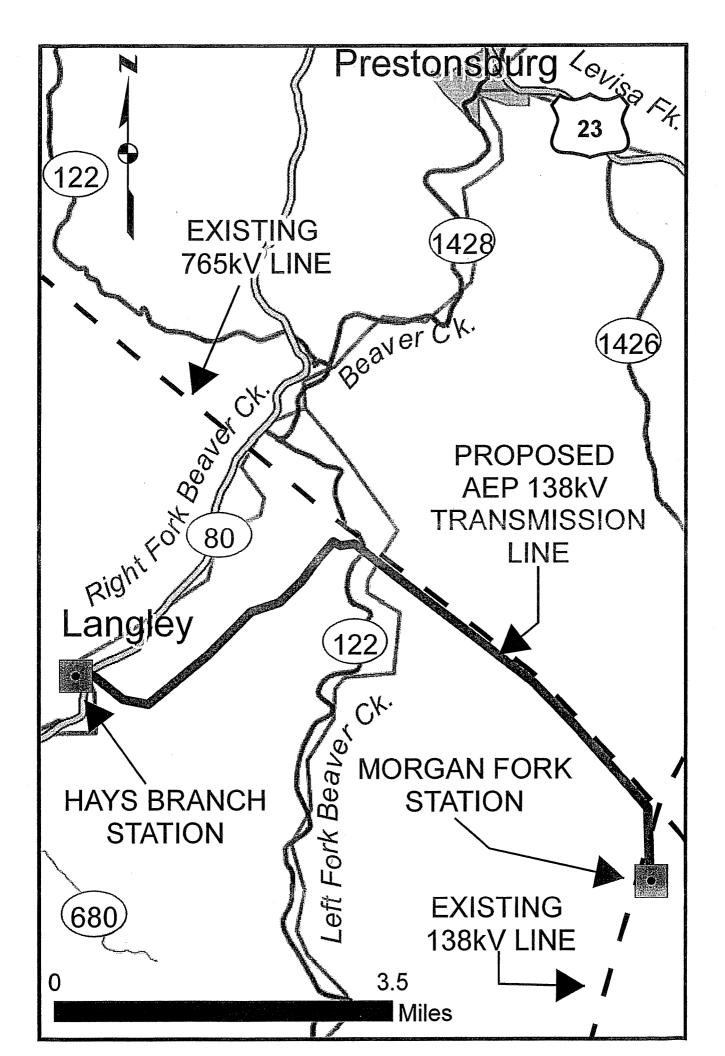
If you have any questions to KPCo please contact the undersigned, Errol K Wagner, Director of Regulatory Services, Kentucky Power Company at 502-696-7010.

Sincerely,

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Director of Regulatory Services



(8) Intervention and parties. In any formal proceeding, any person who wishes to become a party to a proceeding before the commission may by timely motion request that he be granted leave to intervene. Such motion shall include his name and address and the name and address of any party he represents and in what capacity he is employed by such party.

a) Each person granted leave to intervene shall be considered as making a limited intervention unless he submits to the secretary a written request for full vention. A person making only a limited intervention shall be entitled to the full rights of a party at the hearing in which he appears and shall be served with the commission's order, but he shall not be served with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence and all other documents submitted by parties. A person making a limited appearance will not be certified as a party for the purposes of receiving service of any petition for rehearing or petition for judicial review.

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May 9, 2007

## KENTUCKY PRESS ASSOCIATION

ATTN: Rachael McCarty

FAX 502-875-2624

Dear Ms. McCarty:

As you requested, we are faxing information to be published in the Classified Section under "Legal Notices" in the Prestonsburg Floyd County Times newspaper, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 in the Kentucky Power service area.

We are requesting the notice and map appear in the May 13, 2007 Sunday edition.

A copy of the final ad after it is reset should be "faxed" to the below address for our approval.

As we discussed, <u>immediately following publication</u>, your office will prepare a notarized <u>affidavit and forward it along with the tear sheet to the address below</u>.

The invoice for any costs associated with the service should be mailed to the address below.

Judy K. Rosquist Kentucky Power Company Regulatory Services P.O. Box 5190 Frankfort, KY 40602

If you have any questions, please call Judy at 502-696-7011.

Thank you,

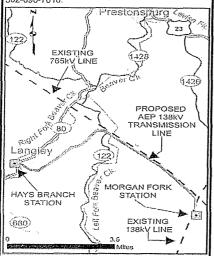
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Errol K. Wagner *V* Director Regulatory Services

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Kentucky Power Company (KPCo) gives notice that it will file an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to construct in Floyd County, Kentucky a 138-kV electric transmission line approximately 8.3 miles in length that will run between the new KPCo's Morgan Fork 138-kV Station and the new Hays Branch 138-kV Station. The proceeding has been assigned Case No. 2007-00155.

Interested parties have a right to intervene in these proceedings and to request a local public hearing. Should you have any questions concerning the case please contact the Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40602-0615, or call 502-564-3940. Questions concerning the project may also be directed to Errol K. Wagner, Director of Regulatory Services, Kentucky Power Company, 101A Enterprise Dr., P.O. Box 5190, Frankfort, KY 40602-5190 or call 502-696-7010.



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